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THE SCHOOLMATE.

A NEW MAGAZINE FOR
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THE SCHOOLMATE is a new magazine. Its first birthday will be in April 1915. Mr. John Burroughs, the dean of nature writers, has named the baby, and is so interested in seeing it start out on its career that he will write a letter of greeting to the school children of America for whom the magazine is planned.

The manager, editors, and contributors, aim to help school children from the ages of five to fifteen, or older, in as many ways as possible. There will be hints and helps for them in both work and play. Nature study and gardening will be prominent features. Athletics, hygiene, deportment, and morals are some of the subjects to which the young readers will be frequently directed, and stories of travel and adventure will be contributed by writers of distinction in these fields.

John Burroughs, the dean of Nature Writers; Admiral Peary, of North Pole fame; Dr. A. C. McLachlan, Principal Jamaica Training School; G. K. Cherrie, who accompanied Col. Roosevelt through Brazil recently; General Geo. W. Wingate, of the New York City Board of Education and President of the Athletic League of the Public Schools of New York; Lora S. La Mance, National Organizer of the W. C. T. U.; Ernest Thompson-Seton, Chief of Boy Scouts of America and nature writer; R. C. Murphy, traveler and Curator of Birds and Mammals, Institute of Arts and Sciences, Brooklyn, N. Y., and many others are pledged to contribute to the early numbers. Rev. H. R. Bennett has supplied a series of ten fascinating Fairy Stories, and there will be helps from the writings of Mr. Luther Burbank and Mr. John Mair.

Dr. Clara Barrus, whose work for many years has been among mental invalids, will furnish hints for the preservation of mental health, and aids to mental as well as physical hygiene. Mr. John Lewis Childs, whose knowledge of flower-culture and gardening is only equalled by his love of children, is the one who launches this magazine, and who will spare no pains to make it a real chum and companion for the school boy and the school girl, as its name implies.

It will be issued every month in the year, except* July and August. It will contain 40 pages at the start. The subscription price will be thirty cents a year, or twenty-five cents in clubs of ten or more. Five cents a copy. Easily within the reach of all



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The following list of Seeds, Bulbs and Plants are given as Premiums this spring in exchange for J. L. C. Coupons. Customers holding J. L. C. Coupons can with their *next order* to us make a selection from this list, returning to us the proper number of Coupons for the articles selected which will be sent free of all charge,

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1 Bowerberry.....	129	40 "
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Free by Mail or Express.—We send Seeds, Bulbs and Plants FREE by MAIL, PARCEL POST or EXPRESS at the prices named in this Catalogue except where otherwise stated. This brings them to the very doors of our customers without trouble or expense. Of course we must have the privilege of sending either by mail or express as we deem best and cheapest.

When buyer asks that goods be sent only by express we do not prepay the charges but larger and better plants, shrubs, etc., can be sent that way—and we add extras to help out in costs.

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We Pack all Plants carefully in strong boxes, which insures their safe transit through the mails to the remotest part of the country or abroad.

We Fill all orders as soon as received, if the stock is ready. Customers who wish their order, or any part of it, booked for shipping at a later date, should so state.

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Forward Money with the order, and at our risk, when sent by Post-Office Money Order on Floral Park; bills or coin, by Registered Letter; Bank Draft or express company's Money Order. Post Office Money Orders are the cheapest and the safest method for remitting. We earnestly request our patrons to remit by Money Order if possible.

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Write Your Order plainly and distinctly by itself and not mixed up with anything else you may wish to say. Be sure to write your NAME and ADDRESS plainly.

Order Early—We strive to fill all orders within a day or two after they reach us, but this is frequently made impossible by a great rush of business about planting time. Do not wait until you need your seeds and bulbs before ordering. Anticipate planting time and order early.

IMPORTANT—It occasionally happens that an order is lost in coming to us, or the goods in going to the customer; therefore, if any who order do not hear from us within a reasonable length of time, they should send a duplicate order, naming the date on which the former one was sent and the amount of money enclosed, and in what form. This will enable us to investigate and fill the duplicate at once.



AT FLORAL PARK, L. I., N. Y., is situated our retail department with large fireproof buildings, immense blocks of greenhouses, a large modern printing establishment where our catalogues and all job-work is printed. Here, also, we have extensive trial grounds, show gardens and parks of many acres

At Flowerfield, L. I., thirty-five miles east of Floral Park, is situated our wholesale and growing department. Here we have about one thousand acres, devoted to seeds and bulbs;—a beautiful estate approximately one mile wide and two miles long, through which we have ten miles of auto-roads. This is the largest acreage in the world under one ownership, devoted to floriculture. We have on the premises a railroad station, telegraph, telephone, express, freight and postoffice, and the largest bulb-house ever constructed; ten city lots under one roof. Here the world's greatest display of Gladioli, Cannas, Lilies, Dahlias, Iris, etc., may be seen.

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The WONDERFUL WOOLFLOWER of 1915 marks an epoch in our business life, and no one now living is likely to see its equal in any future introduction.

THE FLOWERFIELD STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE. The horticultural world is striving to measure up to the high standard of the bulbs we grow at Flowerfield. With the largest stock of summer flowering bulbs in the world, the largest acreage of flowers under one ownership in the world, and the largest number of patrons of any one seed house in existence, it is natural that we should lead in high standards of quality. Our business has been built up on high standards.

IT IS FOR YOUR BENEFIT. War in Europe, and some other conditions, curtail the supply and increase the cost of many seeds and bulbs. To avoid raising prices on many items we have used a lighter weight paper in this catalogue than ever before, saving not only on the paper itself, but a cent in postage on each copy. This saving amounts to about six thousand dollars. Thus we have avoided an advance in prices on many items.

"THE SCHOOLMATE" is the name of a magazine for school children, the publication of which we have organized and promoted. See first colored plate page. As lovely as are trees and flowers and birds, children are infinitely more beautiful and lovable, and it is to help them "as much as possible and in as many ways as possible" that Schoolmate is called into existence. Its usefulness will be great, as many of the best people in the country are going to write for it and help make it so.

"VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE." This is particularly true in gardening. Don't have too much of a few things, have a variety, even if in very limited quantity, and every year try a few seeds or bulbs which will be new to you. They will bring real interest, real joy, real spice.

A Noted Horticulturist Who Visited Flowerfield Last August, Wrote as Follows:

"From the immense bulb house near the railroad station we walked about a quarter of a mile to a knoll covered with big spreading oaks. Oh! what a view lay spread before us at this point I believe the world has never before seen such a riot of color. For at our feet stretched a level field of more than one hundred acres, divided through the center by a pretty lane bordered with small red cedars and dogwood, on both sides of which the earth was glowing with Gladioli in solid blocks of white, pink, scarlet, rose, yellow, violet, etc. There were 1,000,000 America, 500,000 Attraction, 164,000 Augusta, 4,000 Alaska, 13,000 Aline, 166,000 Brenchleyensis, 161,000 Ceres, 23,000 Columbia, 22,000 Glory of Brightwood, 4,000 I. Buchanan, 36,000 Klondyke, 2,000 Kate, 600,000 Lemoinei, 100,000 Mad. Monneret, 12,000 Mayor, 9,000 Melrose, 40,000 May, 142,000 Mrs. F. King, 30,000 Oakley, 50,000 Princeps, 25,000 Primulinus, 41,000 Rosy Spray, 12,000 Superb, 12,000 Sulphur King, 16,000 Scribe, and millions of mixtures arrayed in every conceivable color under the sun. Before our eyes were approximately 6,000,000 spikes, each showing an average of five big flowers in full perfection of glorious bloom, and this field was only one of many to be seen at Mr. Childs' vast floral estate of nearly one thousand acres."

OUR FALL CATALOGUE

Our Illustrated Catalogue of Hyacinths, Tulips, Narcissus, Crocus, Scillas, Freesias, Snowdrops, and all Hardy Bulbs and Plants, for fall planting and winter blooming, will be sent to our customers the first of September. It will also be sent free to all who apply.

Our Great Surprise Collection.

Many Dollars Worth of Fine Plants, Bulbs and Seeds for \$1.00.

WE are obliged to grow and import enormous stocks of all kinds of Plants and Bulbs, generally more than is necessary, to make sure of having enough. It is our custom after the heavy fall business is over, in May, to take this surplus stock of various good things, make it into "Surprise" Collections, and offer them to our customers, giving them four or five times the cost value. In fact, the "Surprise" is the great amount of fine things one gets for the money paid. These collections cannot be sent out until the middle of May, and will be entirely of our own selection, from kinds of which we have a surplus. No collection will be made up for less than ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) by Mail Postpaid or ONE DOLLAR and a HALF (\$1.50) by Express Prepaid, or Parcel Post, and from that up to any amount the purchaser may desire. By express we can send very much more for the money than by mail. We advise our friends to invest one dollar or more in this Collection. We guarantee that they will be greatly pleased.

Address all orders, etc., JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Floral Park, N. Y.

FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SEED NOVELTIES.

These are all Novelties of this year, or extra fine improved strains of recent introduction. Here are the greatest Cosmos, Portulaca, Celosia, Zinnia, Tomato, Sweet Corn, Melons, Potatoes, etc., ever grown.

THE CHINESE WOOLFLOWER.---(Celosia Childsi.)

(SEE COLORED SKETCH ON BACK COVER.)

There is not the slightest doubt but that this new Celosia is the most magnificent garden annual ever introduced. Not since we introduced the "Golden Glow Rudbeckia," (a hardy perennial) has such a truly valuable and glorious garden flower of any sort come to light. It's ease of culture and long continued season of bloom, (early July until frost,) together with it's massive bunches of wool-like flowers and glowing color combine to make it the showiest as well as the most odd and novel flower of most any garden. We can truly say all this after 3 years of cultivation.

Plants grow two to three feet high, the bloom starting early with a central head, round and globular, which often reaches the immense size of two feet in circumference. Scores of branches are thrown out, each bearing a ball of scarlet wool, but not so large as the central one. All these branches support numerous laterals with small heads of bloom mixed with fresh green foliage, so that a plant looks like an immense bouquet splendidly arranged and set in the ground. None of the blooms fade in any way, until hit by frost; but all continue to expand and glow with a deepening richness of color, a deep crimson scarlet.

Start seed if convenient under glass about four weeks before time to transplant to the garden. If the little plants remain too long in pots or seed beds, they will begin to set bloom, which is not desirable. Transplant to the garden as soon as danger of frost is passed. The Chinese Woolflower is a very shy seeder, but we give about 40 to 50 seeds to the packet.

Seed per pkt, 20 cts; 3 pkts., for 50 cts.

The Woolflower has been exhibited at many flower shows and never failed to create a sensation and receive a certificate of merit.



CHINESE WOOLFLOWER. (Photo by Florists Exchange.)

From The Florists Exchange, Nov. 2nd, 1914.

Remarkable Floral Novelty is the Chinese Woolflower. From the illustration of a flower head of this new form of Celosia, herewith presented, which was sent to us by John Lewis Childs, Floral Park, N. Y., and photographed by us, we think it will be agreed that in the "Woolflower" the introducer has something of interest and value. The color of the flower head is rich crimson, and in measurement the circumference was 13½ in., and depth was 6½ in.

The L. I. Agronomist for Nov. 1914 Bulletin of the L. I. R. R., Agl. Experiment Gardens says:

Flowers that bloom from June to frost are a trifle more scarce than that extremely rare item, hen's teeth, and Neighbor Childs down at Floral Park possesses them in the annual Chinese Woolflower, crimson in color, and well worth adding to the other attractions of the flower bed. Immense whorls of chenille like texture forming a ball as large as a mammoth grape-fruit held erect on a sturdy stem. They are worth while flowers sure enough.

H. B. Fullerton, Director Agricultural Developments, Medford, N. Y., says:

"The Woolflowers are here and fill us with joy, they are wonders."

Philadelphia, Nov. 8th.

Dear Mr. Childs—The proof of the colored plate of Chinese Woolflower I have just received. As you know I have been painting and sketching new flowers and plants for the last 30 years and during that time I have made studies, and painted plates of some of the best novelties which have come out—but I have never been so disappointed by the technical shortcomings of producing colored plates for catalogues. For although the plate gives a fair idea of a single flower and plant of the Chinese Woolflower it will hardly enable your customers to imagine the beauty and brilliancy of coloring, when planted in masses, as I have seen it in your trial grounds at Floral Park, while making a thorough study of it last summer. In fact I think this is the most magnificent annual I have ever seen.

Sincerely yours,

FRED WEIGAND, Floral Artist.



CHILDS'
GIANT SUMMER
COSMOS.

Cosmos, Giant Summer.

The very finest garden flower for summer and fall, and the most exquisite of all for cutting for vases and decorating.

This Cosmos is every bit as large and fine as Lady Lennox or any of the Giant-flowering fall types. It begins blooming in July and continues till late fall. It is the grandest Cosmos ever grown, and the only early-flowering Giant type. Notwithstanding it blooms all summer it is better in the fall than any other Cosmos. One of the best Novelties we ever offered. Colors range from white to light and deep pink, crimson, blush, tinted, etc.

Mixed all colors. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts., 35c.

FALL BLOOMING COSMOS.

All Colors Mixed—5c. per pkt.

Mammoth Flowering Mixed—Our superb strain. All colors. Pkt., 5c.

Lady Lennox—Immense lavender pink. Pkt., 5c.

Lady Lennox White—New, pure white. Pkt., 10c.

Mrs. C. D. LAWTON, Lawton, Mich., July 3rd., 1914, Says:

My Giant Summer Cosmos are in bloom and I wish to corroborate all you say in your catalogue. They are the grandest Cosmos ever grown.

Mrs. J. C. MEREDITH, Stockton Springs, Me., Aug., 30th,

Says: I have plants of your Giant Summer Cosmos with over a hundred blossoms on, of four or five colors and that have been blooming since Aug., 1st. I have never planted anything which has given me so much satisfaction.

A writer in the Bristol, Vt., HERALD, Says:

Childs' Giant Summer Cosmos, grew plants five feet high and had blossoms measuring four inches in diameter.

Mrs. W. S. MILLER, Tannersville, Tenn., Says:

Your Summer Cosmos were gorgeous and bloomed in July from seed sown May 8th, they were a mass of bloom until cut down by frost. The flowers were very large, in fact larger than the Lady Lennox.

W. W. HALLOCK, New York, Says:

Your Summer Cosmos was perfectly beautiful and bloomed profusely all summer at our Seashore place. We hated to go away and leave it.



Carnation, Giant-French Everblooming.

These Carnations are absolutely as large, double and rich in colors as the choicest cut-flower varieties seen in the florists' windows. Yet, they are easily grown from seed and bloom in a few months from the time of sowing, making superb summer-bloomers for the garden, or when lifted and potted they bloom all winter in a window or conservatory. Colors: white, pink, scarlet, coal-black, lemon-yellow, buff, striped, etc.

All Colors Mixed—20c. per pkt.

Pure White—Comes true. 20c. each.

Malmaison—The flowers are simply enormous in size, perfectly double, of a delicate bluish color, and strong clove fragrance. Growth very stout, with large, luxuriant foliage. No other Carnation can compare with this variety in size. 20c. per pkt.

Foxglove, Monster Branching.

A Most Showy Hardy Perennial.

Given plenty of room this is a very tall grower with a dense spike of bloom often 5 feet high. The spike is usually capped by an immense saucer-shaped bloom, very unlike a Foxglove. Branches freely, also, and is in bloom for a long period. The flowers are of varying shades and superbly tigered and spotted. About 75 per cent of plants will come true to character. Pkt. 10c.



Double Blue Cornflower.

A splendid double form of the ever popular Cornflower or Bachelors Button, *Centaurea Cyanus*. A good per cent comes true, and the color is the most exquisite blue ever seen. Pkt. 10c.

Mixed Flower Seeds 100 Kinds.

People who wish a great variety of flowers at small cost will do well to plant a packet of this seed. It is a mixture of 100 different annuals, all the best sorts, and those which grow and bloom together in wild garden style. It will make a brilliant and attractive bed. Large packet, 10c.; 6 pkts., 50c.

A Wild Perennial Bed.

A fine mixture of all the best and hardiest Hardy Perennials, such as are suitable for a wild bed or a mixture for any out of the way place. These plants, once started, will bloom profusely year after year. Large packet, 10 cents; 6 for 50 cents.

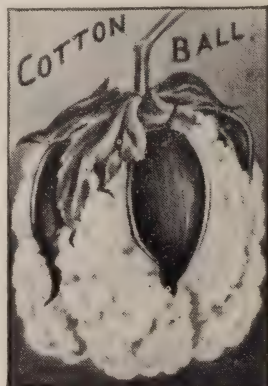


Improved Rainbow or Dracaena-Leaved Corn.

This is of dwarf growth with long, wide foliage which recurves in a graceful and beautiful way. This foliage is abundant and is striped and variegated with white, crimson, yellow, bronze, pink, green, etc., in a way that makes it as showy and attractive as a fine Dracaena. It grows well in any climate and makes a beautiful object, either as single hill or in mass. Do not confound this superb, improved strain with any other so-called striped or variegated Corn. It is greatly superior, and is fairly good for popping. 10c. per pkt.; 3 pkts., for 25c.

Cotton Boll.

The cotton plant is very interesting when grown in a pot or garden North of Mason and Dixon line. The flower is large and showy and the balls of cotton interesting and ornamental. We can supply a ball of ripe cotton containing seed which may be planted for 5c. each; 3 for 10c.





New Giant Portulaca

The newest and most brilliant Portulaca. Plant a strong grower, much more so than other sorts. Flowers enormous in size and of the most dazzling purple-scarlet yet seen, and borne in great abundance. All summer long from early till late this will make the most brilliant show to be seen in any garden. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Hibiscus Sunshine.

The enormous flowers are 10 to 12 inches across, opening quite flat and showy to wonderful advantage. Color a clear, bright lemon with a black center. Plants grow 4 to 6 feet tall, showing every day 2 to 3 of these most magnificent blossoms. Magnificently beautiful. Pkt., 10c.



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HYBRIDS.

Hibiscus Hardy Hybrids.

Meechan's Giant Mixture.

A fast growing perennial that in one season attains the height and dimension of a shrub. Exceedingly fine for clumps or ornamental hedges or screen, as they last always, never winter-kill and in midsummer, when shrubby flowers are scarce, they bear for weeks enormous flowers as large as tea saucers, white, blush, pale and deep pink, rose, dark crimson, etc., the most of them with deeper-tinted eye. Plants from spring-sown seed will bloom by midsummer and prove exceedingly showy. Pkt., 10c.



Eschscholtzia.

(CALIFORNIA POPPY.)

The Eschscholtzia is one of the hardiest and most easily grown of our annuals. It is also a very showy one, growing rapidly and coming into bloom soon after the plants are above the ground. The foliage is finely cut and handsome and the flowers exceedingly large and showy.

- California**—This beautiful California Poppy..... 5
Burbank's New White—We find this to be most superb in every respect. Large, white, profuse and long blooming. One of the very best new things in our trials last year.....10
Fire Red—New this year. Deep fire red and very brilliant. More dwarf and bloom later than other sorts. The most brilliant and showy of all.....15
Single Mixed—A dozen fine colors..... 5
Double Mixed—White rose, yellow, etc. A splendid strain that comes remarkably true.....10

One pkt. of each for 40c.

Delphinium Cardinalis.

A rare and very showy Delphinium of a hardy and robust nature and spikes of intense cardinal red bloom. Pkt., 10c.

Delphinium Formosum Monstrosum—A new monster flowering type of the beautiful old Formosum. Pkt., 10c.

Tall Branching Larkspur.

An extra fine type of large branching Larkspur. Colors extra fine.

Tall Branching White—A splendid form of the well known Annual Larkspur which is almost as large and fine as the best Delphiniums. The spikes are tall and majestic and branch freely. Pkt. 10c.

New Tall Branching Pink—Just like the above except in color. These two fine Larkspurs are great. Pkt., 10c.

Larkspur, Giant Hyacinth Flowered.

Great Hyacinth-like spikes of large double flowers. Mixed colors. Pkt., 5c.





ORCHID-FLOWERED PANSIES.

Orchid-Flowered Pansy.

These new Pansies take their name mainly from their superb tints and variations in color which remind one of the gorgeous shades seen in Orchids. In addition to this they are large of flower, vigorous and healthy in growth and abundant in bloom. It is the most novel and distinct strain of Pansies seen in many years.

Mixed Colors—Hundreds of tints and shades. 20c. per pkt.

PANSY PINK AND WHITE.

Most exquisite new strain of very large flowered Pansy having blooms that show mostly delicate pink and white colors. Perfectly magnificent and quite unusual. Pkt., 20c.



New Chrysanthemum Sunflower.

This great double Sunflower bears flowers a foot across and as double and compact as a dense Chrysanthemum bloom. Petals are also frilled and somewhat quilled, which gives the enormous flower a very refined and beautiful appearance, without the coarse aspect of Sunflowers. Height 5 to 7 feet, producing many flowers. Pkt., 10c.

Petunia, Monster Frilled and Fluted.

A new strain with blooms of immense size, superbly marked and veined and with ruffled and fluted petals. The colors cover a wide range of light and dark shades, varied tints and beautiful variegations in endless variety. The size of the flower is also a marvel. No other Petunia can compare with these in magnificence of bloom.

Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts., 50c.



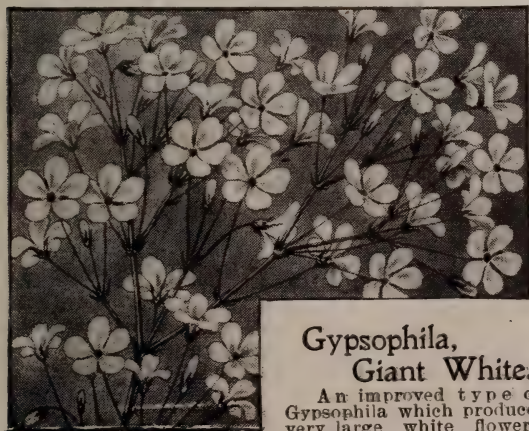
MONSTER FRILLED AND FLUTED.



Jewel Vine.—(Cardinal Climber.)

The most superb flowering vine in cultivation. This is entirely new and distinct; a hybrid between the well-known Cypress Vine and Ipomea Cocinea. It is a tall rapid grower attaining a height of fifteen feet or more in a season, branching freely and making the finest of screens with its luxuriant growth of bright clean foliage elegantly cut and forked. The flowers open at daylight each morning and fade at sunset. They are one to one and one-half inches in width with a tube one inch long and borne in clusters of six to ten on stems four to six inches long. Color is the most brilliant ruby scarlet ever seen. These blossoms appear in such vast numbers every day as to almost eclipse the foliage. No other vine produces such quantity of fine flowers, none so rich and beautiful in color, and none more clean, healthy or beautiful in growth. Seed may be sown in the open ground or started in pots. One will make vine enough to cover a space five feet wide and ten to fifteen feet high. Our word for it: this is one of the very finest novelties of recent times. Pkt. of 10 seeds 20c.; 3 pkts., for 50c.

NOTE—Jewel Vine seed may germinate slowly on account of hard shell. Soak in warm water or file a hole in shell as Canna seed is treated is recommended.



Gypsophila, Giant White.

An improved type of Gypsophila which produces very large white flowers.

the elegant airy sprays of which make one of the very finest flowers for vases and bouquets. Sow early in open ground. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.



NEW BLACK SWEET PEA
NUBIAN

New Spencer Sweet Peas.

The following are the very best of the new Sweet Peas of the large-flowering Spencer type.

America Spencer—The ground color ivory-white distinctly striped with brilliant crimson-red.

Dobbies Cream—Deep cream or primrose, nicely waved, with an abundance of four bloom sprays.

Duplex Cream—Beautiful cream-pink, on both standards and wings, with lemon-colored keel gigantic flowers finely waved and frilled, borne on long stems. Vines extremely vigorous and profuse bloomer.

Florence Nightingale—Standard and wings both of a rich lavender with a faint sheen of rose-pink. Flowers two inches across, frilled and waved, on stout stems twelve to sixteen inches in length. Vines extremely robust, producing great quantities of flowers, frequently four on a stem.

Loyalty—Lovely violet-blue flake on white ground. Very free and continuous bloomer. A distinct novelty.

Margaret Madison—Flowers of a clear azure-blue, both wings and standard delightfully waved and frilled, and of a good size. Unsurpassed for bouquets as the color is exceedingly attractive.

Maude Holmes—Bright rich crimson, fine large flower, profuse bloomer and quite sunproof.

Nubian—A new maroon-black flower, of truly giant proportions and beautifully waved; the standard is broad and spreading and wings well placed; both standard and wings same color. Usually four flowers on a stem.

Thomas Stevenson—Flowers of immense size, wide wavy standard of an intense flaming orange throughout while the wings are rosy carmine shaded orange. The finest of all the orange-scarlet self-colors yet developed.

Pkt., 15c.; 3 for 40c.; the Collection of 9 for \$1.00.

Extra Early Sweet Peas.

The following varieties come into bloom very quickly after planting and are highly prized for that reason. For winter blooming in pots or greenhouse they are the sorts to use.

Angelina—A new extra early sort with exquisite pink and white blossoms and delicious fragrance. Splendidly adapted to pot culture in winter.

Christmas Pink—Rose or pink with blush-white wings.

Christmas White—Pure white.

Le Marquis—Large flowers of deep violet-purple, having the effect of dark navy blue. Very early flowering.

Mrs. Alex Wallace—Flowers of a pinkish lavender, changing to pure lavender as the flower ages. Early flowering and fine for winter forcing.

Pkt., 10c.; 5 for 40c.



The Ruby Sweet Corn.

Finest of all Large Varieties.

This is the largest Sweet Corn grown, in plant, ear and kernel. It is a beautiful deep red color when dry, but when green in the eating state is a pearly white. Ears ten inches long, very large. Quality rich and sugary. It is extra early and in every way extra fine. We can recommend this superb Corn with the greatest confidence, knowing that our customers will find it wonderfully fine in every way. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.



Gold Nugget, A New Midget Sweet Corn.

A new very dwarf Sweet Corn from Maine. So very early that it is mature long before any other. Grows only 2 to 3 feet high and can be planted closely. Each stalk sets 2 or 3 ears only a few inches from the ground which are small, compact, golden yellow in color and most delicious flavor. Must be had on account of its earliness, beauty and novelty. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; pint, 60c.

Golden Cream Sweet Corn.

A Superb New Hybrid. (See cut page 55.)

This is hybrid between the County Gentleman and Golden Bantam, combining the superior qualities of both, and is the finest-flavored corn grown. Golden Bantam is famous for its high quality, but the ears are small and the kernels short. Country Gentleman is also famous for its high quality (of which Western Queen is an improved variety) with larger ears and narrow, deep kernels. In Golden Cream we have the two combined. Medium ears, rich cream color, deeper and narrower kernels, and the quality far superior to either Golden Bantam or Country Gentleman. It is the one glorious good corn for family use. It is very early, almost up to Honey Dew in this respect, and it does not harden as quickly as Country Gentleman. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 50c.; quart, 90c.

Pop Corn, Black Beauty.

This is a new Pop Corn of wonderful merit, popping exceedingly large, pure white, flaky and very tender. The grain is a rich, blue-black color, good-sized, long ear and very early. It is the finest Pop Corn we ever tried. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.

One pkt. each of Ruby, Golden Cream and Gold Nugget Sweet Corn for 25c.



Cabbage Savoy, All-Head.

This new savoy is a perfectly splendid thing recently introduced from Germany. Heads medium, compact, a beautiful yellowish green. Can be planted closely. Its season is medium early. The quality of this superb Cabbage is quite as good as the best Brussels Sprouts. Perfectly delicious and very hardy. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 50c.

New Cabbage Danish, Summer Ball-head.

This is equally as hard as the original type, and its keeping qualities are not surpassed by any warm weather Cabbage. It is to be regarded as a second early sort coming to maturity long in advance of the parent type. It closely resembles the original "Danish Ball-Head" in all respects except that it matures more quickly. Its earliness will make it available for commercial purposes all summer, and I believe it will prove to be extremely profitable. If it has the same experience as the original "true Danish Ball-Head" it will make its way into almost every market garden. The "true Danish Ball-Head" is a Cabbage of peculiar type, with such marked individual traits, that nothing else resembles it. It belongs in a class by itself and hence this new summer heading strain must be actually tried in order to be understood and fully appreciated. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 50c.



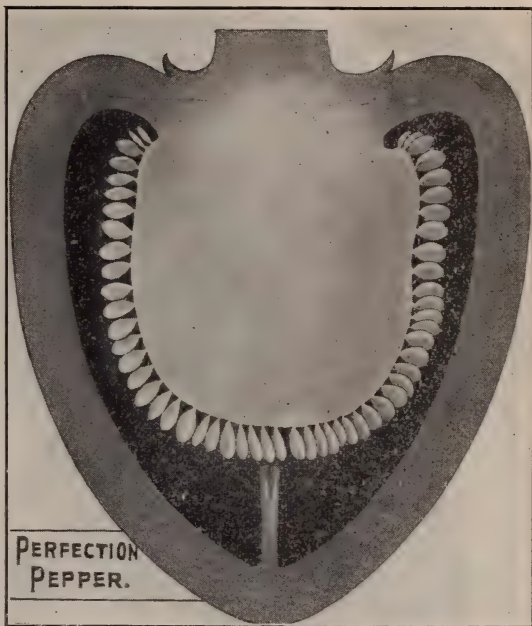
EARLY CABBAGE, SEELANDIA.

New Early Cabbage, Seelandia.

A fine new Danish Early Cabbage of great merit. Height of stem 4 inches, and the heads are firm and compact, medium size, round with rather large foliage. It is a great favorite when known. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$3.50.

Radish, Giant Butter.

A mammoth Radish of perfect smooth round shape and very small tops, and vivid scarlet color. Flesh crisp, high flavored and tender. White with zones of pink. Very beautiful. Fine for forcing, and a long keeper; does not become hollow or pithy. A splendid novelty. Weight about 5 or 6 to the pound. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.



HALF SECTION SHOWING THICKNESS OF MEAT.

New Pepper, Sweet Perfection.

This new Pepper is of the Pimento type, but has been brought up to a degree of perfection not found in any other variety. The meat is from two to three times as thick as that of the Bell types and yields fully a half more product to the same measurement. In quality it is the very best, being entirely free from pungency, and as sweet and delicious to a degree not known before. Smooth and uniform in shape and the skin easily slips off after a little burning over a fire or by boiling a few minutes in hot water. It has no equal in any respect. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

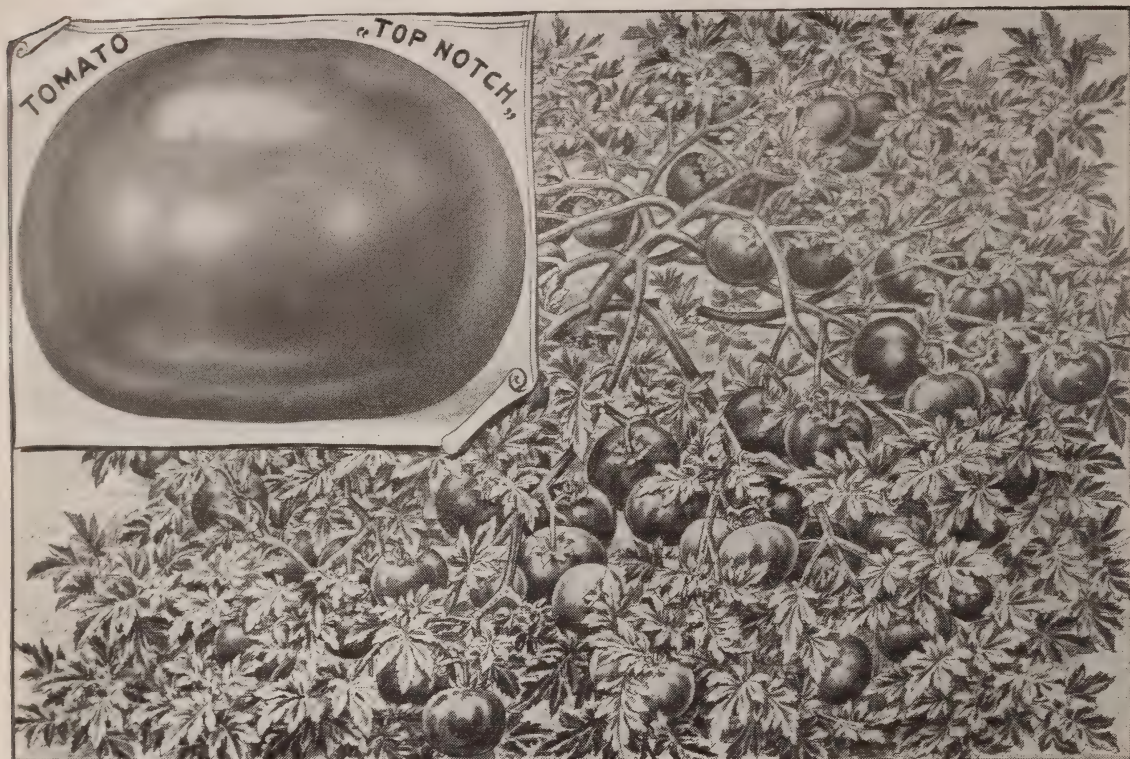


Two New Cauliflowers.

Danish Perfection—This is the very Earliest Cauliflower known. Fully 10 days earlier than Snowball or Dwarf Erfurt. In all desirable points it is perfection itself, good size, uniform, solid, and of highest quality. Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts., 50c.

Danish Giant or Dry Weather—A splendid late variety. It is of dwarf growth, producing very large stone-hard and snow-white heads, fully protected by the foliage. As indicated by the name it is especially fit for dry and hot weather climates or for sections subject to long dry seasons, being a sure header when all other sorts fail. It cannot be forced, but is, in cultures on open ground, the cauliflower that gives the highest yield. Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts., for 50c.

One pkt. of each for 30c.



Grand New Tomato, Top-Notch.

The Earliest—the best medium size—the most perfect in shape and color—the least vine—the most fruit—the longest in bearing and keeping—the least acid,—the sweetest Tomato, and in every respect the best for home or market.

With qualities as brilliant as a comet, Top-Notch has, as it were, dropped from the sky a perfect Tomato. In every quality that can be named it is superior to any other; earliest, large, round and smooth, uniform in size and shape, and rich, ruby color. It makes very little vine, but bears enormous quantities of fruit, 50 to 75 large, perfect Tomatoes to a plant which covers very little area. In quality it far outranks any other variety, for it lacks the objectionable acid of other sorts. People who suffer bad effects from the acid of Tomatoes will enjoy Top-Notch. Begins ripening very early and continues all the season. It is most decidedly the finest Tomato for market and the best for the home garden. Per pkt., 15c.; 2 pkts., for 25c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 60c.; 1 oz., \$1.00.

Childs' Resplendent Tomato.

Fruit of many different colors from light green (when very small) to white, lemon, pink, orange and yellow, to deep ruby-red, borne on the same plant at the same time in wonderful abundance. A plant in fruit is strikingly beautiful. Each fruit goes through several changes of color before it is ripe and red. Large, very solid with less seed and seed cavity than any other Tomato. It is one of the richest, meatiest and best-flavored Tomatoes we have ever tested. Growth stout, upright branching (of the tree form) with distinct, wide, Potato-like foliage of a deep emerald green. In growth and foliage it is as novel and distinct as is its marvelous fruit, entirely unlike any other variety in nearly every respect. It was originated by E. C. Green, Medina, Ohio, a Tomato specialist, who has originated many of the best varieties in cultivation. The entire stock and full control has been turned over to us for introduction. 10c. per pkt.; 3 pkts., 25c.



CHILDS' RESPLENDENT—THE TOMATO OF MANY COLORS.

SPECIAL OFFER OF NEW TOMATOES.

For only 40c. we will send one pkt. each of Snowball, Resplendent, John Bear, Beefsteak and Top-Notch Tomatoes, together with booklet of over 100 receipts for using and cooking Tomatoes.



Childs' Snowball Tomato.

For many years we have worked to produce a Snow-White Tomato. At last we have it. At last we have one so white that it shows only a faint tinge of straw color. This tint will probably vary a little in different soils, climates and at different times of the year. But for all practical purposes it is a white tomato, the most beautiful fruit you ever saw, large, smooth, very solid and meaty, and of very finest quality. Its extraordinary size and smooth, regular shape, and almost snow white color makes a wonderful novelty. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

New Early Tomato, John Baer.

"John Baer" Tomato is the result of Fifteen Generations of Improvement and Selection for earliness, quality, shape, fruit, color and shipping quality.

It produces the most perfect High Crown Tomatoes ever grown and enormous crop, 50 to 100 to each plant.

Every "John Baer" Tomato ripens evenly, right up to the stem.

No cripples, no scalds, no blight, no cracked, no wrinkled, no one-sided, uneven, scarred fruit. When dead ripe will not burst. Has a wonderful glistening bright red color, a mild, deliciously sweet flavor. In shape and form exactly like its photograph.

It is almost seedless, a marvelous Stem Setter, often ten fruit in first cluster, solid and meaty.

It has just enough foliage—will stand plenty of manuring without going to vine.

"John Baer" is the most perfect shipping Tomato ever grown, weight about 6½ ounces.

We find it to be a wonderful Tomato in many ways, and will surely disappoint no one, regardless of high expectations which may be entertained. Per pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts., for 35c.; oz., 75c.



Beefsteak Tomato. (Two Pounds)

The popular conception of a perfect Tomato, is a large solid meaty fruit, that will cut into thick ruby slices. The new sort which we are now introducing and which we call "Beefsteak" will fully meet the public demand, as a true representative of its name. It is probably the largest of all tomatoes; certainly the largest having a uniform round perfect shape. It is of the richest crimson color both inside and out, yet seen. It is absolutely solid but tender and melting to the taste; this on account of its few seed, and seed cavities. Most tomatoes bear the seed in large clusters near the skin. This seed and seed pulp is acid and unpleasant, while the acid pulp is likely to be hard and lacking in flavor. In Beefsteak this defect is overcome, for the large fruits contain very small seed cavities. Each cavity has but a very few seed but are distributed all through the fruit; being a really ideal mixture, that is exceedingly palatable without the excessive acid of huge seed cavities or the unpleasantness of solid pulp. Will grow to the enormous weight of two pounds. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., for 25c.





NEW SWEET WATERMELON, KLONDYKE.

New Watermelon, Yellow Cream.

All who have ever grown this most beautiful and tasty Melon are loud in their praise of its many virtues. Good size, oblong shape, rich deep green striped, while the flesh is a rich creamy yellow and unsurpassed flavor. Its exceeding richness and novelty will be a surprise to all who grow it. Pkt., 15c.



Watermelon, Coconut or Climbing.

This superb little melon from Italy is indeed a gem. The vine may be allowed to trail on the ground or may be trained and tied to trellises, etc. The melons are about the size of a Coconut, with seed no larger than an apple seed. They are very solid, rich crimson flesh and of the highest quality, perfectly ideal for the home garden. Fruit ripens for a long period, unlike other sorts which ripen their fruit mostly at one time. We picked melons from our vines of this variety for a period of two months. Novel and attractive. Pkt., 10c. each; 3 pkts., 25c.

New Sweet Watermelon, Klondyke.

We found this wonderful melon in California where it is a great favorite in the San Bernardino mountain region. In New York it has proved to be the best melon we ever tasted. Early, large and sweet. Weight thirty to fifty pounds. Color rich, deep, bottle-green. Flesh deep crimson-pink. Tender and brittle, melting in one's mouth like ice cream, and strange to say, it is AS SWEET AS ICE CREAM. It is not good for shipping, because when fully ripe a little jar will crack it to pieces—perfectly marvelous—but for the home garden it is the one melon to grow above all others. Take our word for this, and you will rejoice. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 40c.



Henderson's Bush Muskmelon.

We grew a crop of this last season, and find it is indeed a distinct novelty of value. The plant grows in compact bush form after the style of the Bush Squashes. Melons round, netted and deep ribbed. Quality very fine indeed. A hill in bearing is a novel and attractive sight, and presents a truly odd appearance, with its large green foliage and handsome melons set so close to the base of the growing plant. It is a very shy seeder and seed is exceedingly scarce. Pkt., of 30 seeds, 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

SPECIAL OFFER.

One pkt., each of Klondyke, Climbing, Bush and Yellow Cream Melons for only 30c.

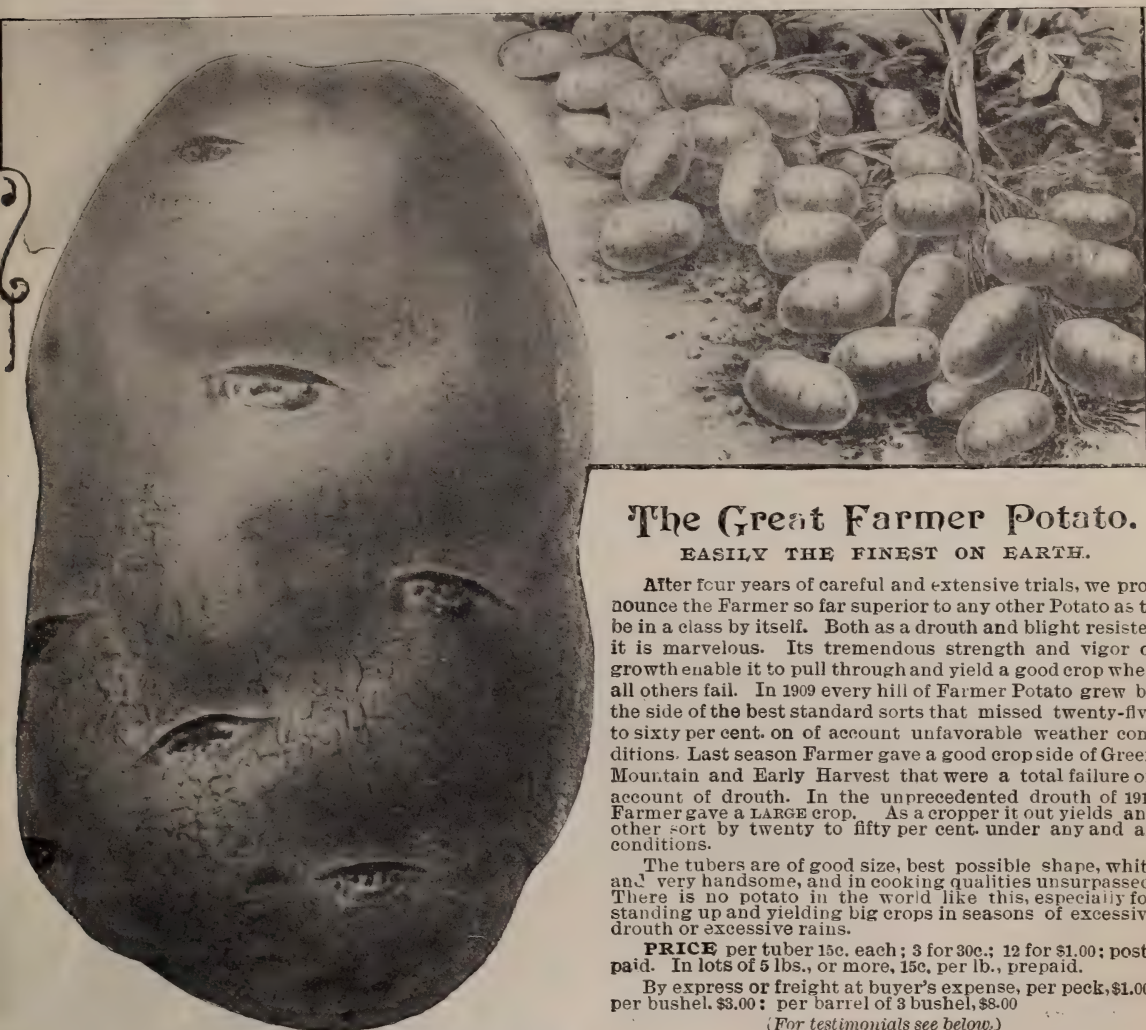
Mrs. L. A. WILLIAMS, Hartford, Ct., says:

Your "Crego" Asters were certainly beautiful. The largest I have ever seen.

The Pansies, something new in their lovely Orchid shades are still in bloom Oct. 12th.

The Celosia Castle Gould, write their feathery plumes were perfectly magnificent, and much admired by all who saw them.

I must also say a few words about the "White Tomato." So thick-meated and solid, with very few seeds, and of the finest flavor. Sliced with sweet red peppers, they make a most attractive, appetizing and delicious salad.



The Great Farmer Potato.

EASILY THE FINEST ON EARTH.

After four years of careful and extensive trials, we pronounce the Farmer so far superior to any other Potato as to be in a class by itself. Both as a drouth and blight resister it is marvelous. Its tremendous strength and vigor of growth enable it to pull through and yield a good crop when all others fail. In 1909 every hill of Farmer Potato grew by the side of the best standard sorts that missed twenty-five to sixty per cent. on account unfavorable weather conditions. Last season Farmer gave a good crop side of Green Mountain and Early Harvest that were a total failure on account of drouth. In the unprecedented drouth of 1910 Farmer gave a LARGE crop. As a cropper it out yields any other sort by twenty to fifty per cent. under any and all conditions.

The tubers are of good size, best possible shape, white and very handsome, and in cooking qualities unsurpassed. There is no potato in the world like this, especially for standing up and yielding big crops in seasons of excessive drouth or excessive rains.

PRICE per tuber 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00; postpaid. In lots of 5 lbs., or more, 15c. per lb., prepaid.

By express or freight at buyer's expense, per peck, \$1.00; per bushel, \$3.00; per barrel of 3 bushel, \$8.00

(For testimonials see below.)

WHAT OTHERS SAY OF THE FARMER POTATO.

P. L. DAVIS, Leon, W. Va., says: "I got three Farmer Potatoes and planted them the first of April along-side of Early Rose and Irish Cobbler. The Farmer yielded 36 lbs., while the others yielded 21 and 19 lbs. respectively."

S. R. ROTT, Emerson, Man., Canada, says: "My five ounces seed of Farmer Potato yielded 36 lbs., of marketable size. That is 115 times the seed planted."

MRS. GEORGE EGLE, Medford, Wis., says: "I raised from one of your Farmer Potatoes over one-half bushel. The yield is so extraordinary that it seems impossible."

J. J. WELLER, Tropic, Cal., says: "The Farmer Potato I bought from you I cut in sixteen pieces, one eye to each piece. Fourteen of them grew. I have just dug them, 47 marketable Potatoes. Weight 12 lbs."

MRS. W. D. DORY, Medimont, Idaho, says: "Last year I got one dozen Farmer Potatoes from you, and find them the biggest yielder and finest cooking Potatoes we have ever used. I planted only ten and raised 500 pounds."

N. ROLFE, Rockland, Maine, says: "I had three Farmer Potatoes last year, and raised almost three pecks."

M. BURKHART, 131 Elmira Street, San Francisco, Cal., says: "I send a photograph of the product of one Farmer Potato bought from you, 26 fine tubers, weighing 14 lbs."

R. B. DOUGHERTY, Peoria, Ill., says: "Three Farmer Potatoes cut in twelve pieces, making twelve hills, yielded fifty potatoes from the size of a goose egg up."

JOHN PROWSE, Langdon, Alberta, Canada says: "Your Farmer Potato of which I got 3 tubers last year is a good

one. They grew very strong, and although when in bloom they were cut to the ground with hail they came a second time, and from 3 tubers we got 47 lbs., of fine Potatoes."

CHAS. WILLIAMS, Searchmont, Ont., Canada says: "I received from you last spring 3 tubers of the Farmer Potato, weighing ½ lb. They stood both drouth and frost far better than the other Potatoes. I dug 31 lbs. of fine potatoes at the rate of over 60 bushels to one bushel planted, which I consider is a grand showing."

P. L. DENTON, 2750-45th Avenue, S. W., Seattle, Wash., says: "Your Farmer Potato is a winner. I planted one tuber and got about 15 pounds from it, the most nearly uniform of any Potatoes I have seen. Saved about 12 pounds of the best for seed for this year. It is a good smooth Potato and an excellent cooker."

EMMA HILL, Chippewa Falls, Wis., says: "Last spring I bought a Farmer Potato from you, which I cut in four pieces, and harvested a half a bushel of the largest Potatoes you ever saw. They certainly were fine."

MRS. GEO. E. DWIGHT, Vermontville, Mich., says: "You sent me seven small Farmer Potatoes, which we planted one eye in a hill, and harvested two bushels of nice large Potatoes, and it was a very dry season."

DR. U. B. HEMING, Wilson, N. C., says: "The Farmer Potato is all you claim for it. It is the only Potato that will sprout in this climate so as to get a fall crop."

E. M. MANSUR, Lounsbury, N. Y., says: "I planted three Farmer Potatoes and raised over ½ bushel. Large, smooth and fine eating."

MRS. H. E. MOORHOUSE, Neilburg, Sask, Canada, says: "I take pleasure in telling you that we raised 81 lbs., from 3 of your Farmer Potatoes. We think it great."

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10 Beautiful Colored Postal Cards of Floral Park for 5c.

We have prepared 10 fine souvenir cards of Floral Park, showing all of the best views of our **Buildings, Park and Lawn Views, and Beds of Flowers**, lithographed in 7 beautiful colors. These cards have been gotten up for the benefit of our customers who may wish them for their collections, or to send to friends, and we aim to supply them as nearly at cost price as possible. We send the 10 cards for 5c.

CHILDS' SELECTED PÆONIES.

Avalanche—One of the most glorious of all pure white Pæonies. Large, full, double and sweet. Very rare. 40c.

Clio—Beautiful lavender-pink. A large single flower. Very beautiful for a single. 30c. each; 3 for 75c.

Duchess de Nemours—Very fine cup-shaped blooms sulphur white with greenish reflex; fine bud. 35c.

Decorative—Quite in a class by itself. A vigorous grower soon forming dense clumps which bear dozens of blossoms on long stems. Color rich deep crimson. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Edulis Superba—This is the famous Decoration Day Pæony. With us it never fails to be in full flower on May 30th. Color, a beautiful bright, clear pink, with silvery reflex. 50c.; 3 for \$1.30.

Felix Crousse—Large, globular flowers, solid and compactly built from edge to center, are a rich, even, brilliant, dazzling ruby-red. Exceptionally fiery, bright and effective. Both the color and size is startling. We place this in the front rank of the red Pæonies. None better. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Festiva—Blooms of the largest size, double to the center; pure white with three or four spots of crimson near the center. A gem of the first water; dwarf grower. 30c.

Festiva Maxima—Enormous full double bloom, petals very broad, color pure white with an occasional carmine spot, vigorous grower. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Glorie de Douai—Purplish scarlet crimson with black. 40c.

Humel—Immense bloom, carmine-pink, very late. 30c.

La Tulipe—Very large globular flower, flesh pink, shading to ivory-white, few of the center petals tipped crimson, quite fragrant, stems long and strong. Vigorous grower. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Madame Bollet—Very compact, globular double bloom; color rose with silvery-white reflex, tingulated with carmine; fragrant free and fine. 30c.; 3 for 75c.

Madame Emile Galle—Large, double, cup-shaped imbricated flowers; color delicate double pink with touches of heliotrope and lavender. This is probably the most ethereal of all Pæonies. 75c.; 3 for \$2.00.

Queen Victoria—The every-day white. When out a first rate keeper. Flowers of good substance and color; very pretty in the bud state, when it has a faint blush tint; an old old standby. 30c.; 3 for 75c.

Triomphe Du Nord—Violetaceous pink; enormous bloom. 30c.; 3 for 75c.

The Collection of 15 Grandest Pæonies for \$4.50.



Fine-cut, fern-like foliage of exquisite beauty, and blooms May first, two weeks earlier than any other. Color, rich very scarlet, and as double and perfect as a rose. An extremely rare plant of fascinating beauty. Fine roots, ready to bloom. 60c. each; 2 for \$1.00.

The Old Early Scarlet Pæony.

This is the glorious old variety of our grandmothers. (Officialis Rubra Plena) which we all remember with so much pleasure. Nothing finer. Blooms very early in May.

Officialis Rubra Plena—Immense double blossoms of the richest glowing crimson red color.

Officialis Alba—Like the above but pure white in color.

Officialis Pink—A new pink variety.

Strong roots, 40c. each; the 3 for \$1.00. \$3.50 per dozen.

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The ordinary commercial grades of flower seeds, such as are usually sold, can be and are sold at a very low price. They are grown and harvested in large crops, much like grain. They are produced cheaply, sold cheaply and are, in fact, cheap in every sense of the word; and he who sows them has no right to complain at their poor quality. They cannot possibly be anything but poor. Seed of high quality can be produced only by thorough, careful, painstaking and expensive methods. We do not offer our customers the ordinary commercial grades of seeds. Our stocks are special strains of special varieties bred up to the highest mark of perfection and selected with great care, and for this reason we grow and offer but a limited number of varieties—only those which are of the greatest merit and sure to give satisfaction everywhere. The very best varieties, bred up to an unequalled mark of perfection, has made our seeds famous the world over.

GERMINATING TESTS—All seed we sell is thoroughly tested and WE KNOW that it will grow under proper conditions.

For the best summer display the garden is dependent upon flowers which are grown from seed sown every year. There are thousands of varieties, some good, some indifferent, but the great majority are poor, or in some respects unsatisfactory and not desirable for general cultivation. With a view to offering our customers only the very best varieties, those which cannot fail to produce good results in every part of the country, we have for years carefully grown, tested and selected to ascertain what sorts possessed superior merits. The list here presented is the result of our labor. It contains the very best of all sorts, and all which are really and generally desirable.

ANNUALS—In our list of flower seeds all kinds that are not designated as "Perennials," "House," "House and Garden," or "Climbers" may be put down as bedding annuals, although some of them, notably Pansies, Dianthus and Garden Pink, live out over winter and bloom as well the second season as they do the first.

CLIMBERS—All sorts marked Climbers are annual vines; such as Sweet Peas, Morning Glories and Gourds.

HOUSE—All marked House are window, or greenhouse plants; such as Cyclamen, Cineraria and Primroses.

HOUSE AND GARDEN—Those marked thus are plants which are adapted to window and greenhouse culture, and for summer bedding outside; such as Geraniums, Lantana and Heliotrope.

PERENNIALS—These are hardy plants which live and thrive in the garden year after year. Most of them do not bloom until the second summer from seed.



Alyssum.

A favorite little annual, because of its fragrance and abundance of bloom. As easy to grow as any weed, and blooms from early summer until severe freezing weather in fall. Sow seed very early in the open ground. Per pkt.

Little Gem—An improved variety; much larger flowers, of a pure white, and, if possible, more floriferous than the old Sweet. Plant is also more robust and spreading, a single plant forming a thick mat of flowers and foliage 12 to 15 inches across. Three and four hundred spikes of flowers in full bloom can be counted on a good plant at one time. 5

Snowtuft—This marvelous new Alyssum is so dwarf and free flowering, that a border of it is like a tuft of new-fallen snow. The plant grows so compact and the flowers are so numerous that nothing but a sheet of glistening white can be seen. We have attempted in our cut to give some idea of this, but cannot do it justice. Suffice it to say this Alyssum is one of the very finest Flower Seed Novelties ever introduced and one that will give satisfaction beyond what anyone may anticipate. Blooms in 4 weeks from seed and makes one of the finest pots of winter flowers. We have greatly improved this Alyssum during the past two years. 10

Ageratum. (House and Garden.)

One of the most useful and profuse-blooming plants known. A single head of Ageratum will remain fresh and perfect for a month in the open air and from six weeks to three months in the window or greenhouse.

Little Gem—A beautiful border variety. A sheet of delicate blue flowers the whole season; compact habit. 5

Princess Louise—A lovely dwarf everbloomer, crowded with flowers every day in the year. As a pot plant it is perfectly charming, and bedded out it flowers profusely from May until killed by frost. Flowers borne in dense clusters, lovely sky-blue with a clear white center. 5

New Hybrids—Variety of colors and habit, all extra good. 10



Abutilon. (House and Garden.)

As indispensable for the window or greenhouse as the Petunia is for the flower garden. Will stand more abuse and neglect than almost any other house plant. Grows rapidly from seed, and is soon in bloom. Leaves very ornamental and often beautifully variegated. Lovely bell-shaped flowers, borne the year round and in all colors—white, pink, yellow, orange, red, etc. All home grown seed. Per pkt.

Choice Hybrids Mixed—All colors mixed. 5

Infanta Eulalia Hybrids Mixed—Large blossoms of various colors. The finest of all Abutilons, blooming freely all the year, and making a short-jointed, bushy growth that is much more desirable than the tall-growing kinds. Many colors mixed, pink, white, yellow, etc. Our own growing. 10



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AGERATUM.



ABUTILON.

Sample's Marvel—Plants grow 20 inches high, branch freely in an upright manner, producing a great number of magnificent blossoms on long stems. The flowers are very double and perfect, and possess the richest colors. They bloom a little later than most kinds and escape the ravages of the Aster beetle. Per Pkt.

Sample's Marvel,	Crimson Pink	10
"	Delicate Pink	10
"	Pure White	10
"	Rich Purple	10
"	Lavender	10
"	Mixed, Many Fine	

Colors..... 10

One packet each of the size for 40c.

Daybreak—Immense Peony-like double blossoms of the loveliest sea-shell pink in color. No other Aster produces such large and beautiful blossoms in such reckless profusion, and lasting qualities..... 10

Purity—(White Daybreak)—A fine, strong-growing Aster which branches



GIANT WHITE COMET ASTER.

Asters.

The acknowledged queen of autumn annuals. Indispensable for the flower garden, fine as a show plant for fairs and exhibitions, and charming pot plants. Very profuse bloomers, with exceedingly beautiful flowers of the most exquisite colors and most perfect form. There are several forms of Asters, some being imbricated like the Rose, some loose and globular like a Peony, while others are partly incurved like the Chrysanthemum. Per pkt.

Giant Comet—Plants tall and of much vigor, while the flowers are of extraordinary size. Flowers are formed of largest twisted and curled petals, and look exactly like the most refined forms of Japanese Chrysanthemum. Many colors mixed..... 10

Giant Comet, White—Immense size, snow white..... 15

Giant Comet, Sulphur Yellow—Superb..... 15

Giant-Branching Comet—Superb new Aster, growing 18 inches high, with enormous flowers borne on long graceful stems. The plant branches freely carrying from 20 to 40 of its magnificent flowers. Each flower is as double and perfect as a Peony, 5 to 6 inches in diameter, with center filled with a charming whorl of petals after the true Comet style. All colors mixed..... 15

Giant-Branching Comet, Fullmoon—An enormous plant of great vigor, branching freely and bearing on long graceful stems double blossoms of the most gigantic size, like immense Cactus Dahlias..... 15

New Crego—The Crego is probably the largest of all Asters, the petals being exceedingly long and wavy and the flowers borne on stems some fifteen inches in length. It is a monster among Asters, having much the aspect of a large Chrysanthemum. A real treat awaits any one who plants this monstrous variety.

Crego Pink Perfection—Superb rosy pink..... 15

Crego Snow White—Magnificent large white..... 15

Crego Mixed—Several colors..... 15



NEW CREGO ASTERS.

finely and bears its great perfect snow-white blossoms on long, stout stems. As a cut-flower variety, it has no superior. Habit symmetrical, 18 inches high. A fitting companion to above..... 10

Early Queen—Decidedly the best early Aster, producing flowers in profusion on long stems, and being several weeks earlier than the other. The flowers are very double, rendering them of exceptional value for cutting purposes. Sow seed early in open ground and get the finest of bloom in August

Early Queen, Pure White—Clear and superb..... 10

" **Dark Blue**—Rich..... 10

" **Lavender**—Delicate and lovely shade..... 10

" **Rose**—Fine, pleasing shade..... 10

" **All Colors Mixed**..... 10

One packet of each for 30c.



ASTER

VICK'S BRANCHING.

Per pkt.

- Vick's Branching, Pink**—A beautiful variety of the large branching type, with large flowers, the color of a bright Daybreak Carnation. Stems long and stiff. A grand Aster for cutting purposes, and for vases. 10
- Vick's Branching, Pure White**—A strong grower, and continues to grow and bloom later in the season than any other variety. The flowers are very large, often four inches in diameter, borne on long stems, adding greatly to their value for vases. 10
- Vick's Branching, Mixed**—Several different colors. 10
- America**—An Aster with enormous double blossoms the exact color of *Gladiolus America*, a most exquisite though utterly indescribable light lavender-tinted pink, like the choicest Orchids. Not only is it large, profuse flowering, very double and perfect but one of the earliest Asters to bloom. Most early varieties are inferior in quality, but this while as early or earlier than any other is undoubtedly the finest in form and habit, as well as in color, of all new Asters. 10
- New Rose**—Tall sorts about two feet in height. One of the very best varieties, and a profuse bloomer. Outer petals are full recurved and inner petals beautifully incurved and imbricated like the Rose. Mixed colors. 5

MIXED ASTERS.

A bed of mixed Asters, all kinds, colors and varieties, is certainly attractive. We offer mixtures of both dwarf and tall-growing sorts separate.

- Mixed, Tall Growing Asters**—All sorts and colors, will make an interesting and attractive bed. Large packet. 15
- Mixed Dwarf Asters**—All the low-growing sorts. 10
- One packet each of the two for 20c.

Aster Alpina. (Perennial.)

One of the most charming hardy perennial plants we have ever seen. Its flowers are borne in profusion early in spring, and are the size of a large wild Daisy, about three inches across, composed of a double row of intensely blue petals surrounding a golden yellow center. It is double the size of any other hardy Aster and closely resembles a large Paris Daisy in shape and general appearance. Another important point is its extreme earliness, beginning to bloom usually in May.

- Mixed**—Blue, white, and several fine colors. 10



Antirrhinum Giant Scented,

OR SNAPDRAGON. (House and Garden.)

A new giant-flowered strain of the grand old Snapdragon, which in size and beauty of bloom, either in pots or garden, almost equals *Gladiolus*. Per pkt.

Giant White—This new plant is a perpetual bloomer, compact and branching in habit, sending up flower spikes by the dozen, one to two feet in length, almost as large and more beautiful than *Gladiolus*. Color pure white, with lemon-tinted throat, and a lovely fragrance. Flowers keep two weeks after being cut. 10

Giant Mixed—Many colors, all large and exceedingly fragrant. Try them both in garden and pots. 10

Tom Thumb—Dwarf and a most beautiful plant. Mixed. 5

Arctotis Grandis.

An easily grown annual which blooms in a very short time from seed and continues in great profusion through the entire summer and fall. Has highly ornamental, glaucous-green foliage and the large daisy-like blossoms are borne on long graceful stems. Flowers white with a blue center and yellow band at the base of the petals. The form of the flower is perfection itself and the color is novel and fascinating. Beautiful and easily grown. 5

Asparagus. (House.)

- Sprengeri**—For hanging pots or bracket pots when the masses of rich foliage can droop in its natural grace, it is one of the loveliest objects. For cutting it lasts weeks in water. Plants also blossom freely and bear large red berries which add greatly to their beauty. 5
- Plumosus Nanus**—Fine lace-like foliage, compact and most exquisite. A grand foliage plant. 10
- Downy Plume**—The most beautiful of the dwarf sorts. 15



AMBROSIA.

Its merits are long, spiral stems, covered with beautiful green foliage and seed buds which are exceedingly fragrant. Desirable as a pot or garden plant with fragrant foliage, and for making up into bouquets and other floral work. An easy plant to grow. 10



Begonia, Gracilis Hybrids.
(House and Garden.)

Bellis—(Double Daisy.) (Perennial.)

Beautiful double flowers that appear in early spring if plants are slightly protected over winter. Blossoms also early from spring-sown seed, as plants bloom when but two or three inches high. Per pkt. 5
Double Mixed Colors—White, crimson, rose, etc..... 5
Giant-Daisy Mixed Colors—Of this Giant Strain the flowers are very large, double and perfect in form and borne in profusion. The colors range from pure white, bluish, pink and rose to deep crimson, many being beautifully tipped and variegated.....10
Giant White—Pure as snow, large, double and exquisite.....10
Giant Crimson—Rich deep color.....10



Flowering Beans. (Climber.)

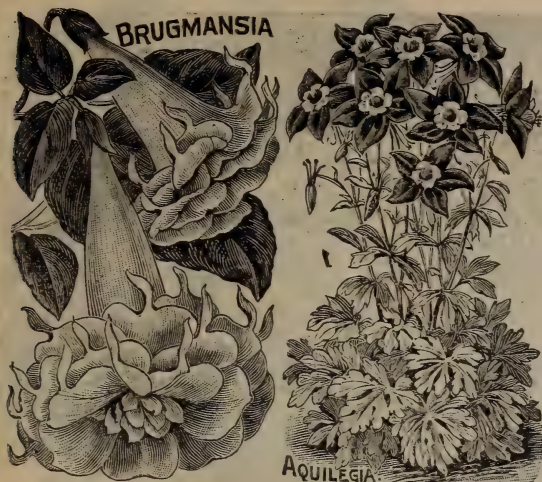
Flowering Beans are beautiful as Sweet Peas, and fine, tall, luxuriant climbers. Finely scented. Per pkt. 5
Japanese White, or Wistaria Bean—This new flowering Bean produces its long clusters of pure white flowers in the greatest profusion. These flowers closely resemble the glorious White Wistaria, and are borne in large clusters. It is a fine, rapid climber, and just covers itself with flowers which are finely scented.....10
Pink Wistaria—Much like the above, but a rich violet pink and white, followed by dark, ebony-red pods.....10
Scarlet Runner—Masses of intense scarlet flowers.....10
Mixed Sorts—Many colors.....10
Kudzu Vine—(JAPANESE BEAN)—This is the most rapid growing vine known (12 inches in only one day.) It will grow 50 feet the first summer from seed sown in the open ground in May. Its foliage is very luxuriant, and its rose-colored fragrant flowers are produced in large clusters.....10

Dwarf and compact, plants branching so freely that they form almost globular bushes 8 to 10 inches across, which are profusely covered with brilliant blooms of various colors. The foliage, of a soft dark green, often spotted and bordered with bronzy red, forms an effective background to the flowers. May be had in bloom in 2 to 3 months from time of sowing. Finest Begonia for growing from seed and equally valuable for pots or the garden.....Per Pkt., 10



Balsam, Childs' Perfection.

The gigantic flowers are double and perfect. It is not uncommon to see more than 500 of these magnificent flowers upon a plant at one time, the branches being perfect pyramids of bloom. The Balsam is one of the most beautiful and easily grown of all garden annuals. Per pkt. 5
White—Pure snowy white, large, double and perfect..... 5
Pink—A superb sort; a clear, deep color, beautiful buds..... 5
Scarlet—Almost dazzling in brilliancy..... 5
Fancy Striped—Various colors, flaked and striped..... 5
Fancy Spotted—Beautiful shades, all spotted white..... 5
Mixed Colors—No finer mixture to be obtained.....10
 One pkt each of the 6 for 25c.



Brugmansia Arborea.

(House and Garden.)

One of the grandest plants we know of, and easy to grow. Imagine a plant, three feet high, with twenty or thirty pendulous blooms opened at once; creamy white, twelve inches long, and eight inches wide, of a texture resembling thick, fluted satin; pouring fragrance forth till the air is heavy with sweetness. The blossoms last for days in perfection, and new buds are constantly coming on. Grand for Easter or Christmas decoration, or yards in summer. Nothing more tropical or beautiful.....20

Per pkt.

Columbine or Aquilegia.

(Perennial.)

One of the best of the early summer perennials. Curious flowers, extremely graceful, and borne in great quantities high above the foliage which itself is very beautiful.

Prize Mixture—100 varieties, double and single, all colors. 5
New Double Mixed—New double varieties of many colors. 10
Long Spurred Hybrids—This fine novelty has been developed by a lady in England. Many delicate, harmonious colors, and brilliant shades of reds and crimsons that are entirely new. The long graceful spurs add much to the effectiveness of the bloom.....20



Clarkia Scarlet Queen.

Most of the Clarkias do not stand the heat and drouth of this country very well, but Scarlet Queen is an exception. Plants grow about two feet high branching freely, each stem literally crowded with beautiful scarlet flowers like miniature double Hollyhocks. It is one of the most showy hardy annuals and best novelties in a long time..... 10



GIANT RAINBOW-LEAVED COLEUS.

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Coleus. (House and Garden.)

Per pkt.

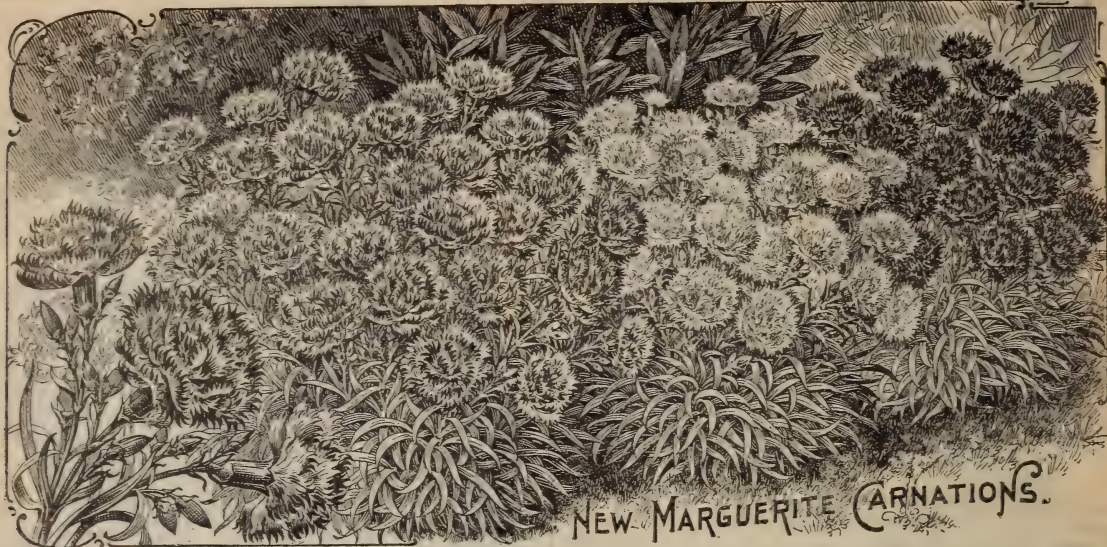
Giant Leaved Dwarf—Leaves of the largest size, and richest colors of red, blackish crimson and variegated. Highly ornamental as a pot plant, especially when showing its dense spikes of light blue flowers in autumn. 10
Giant Rainbow—This grows easily and rapidly from seed, making fine specimen plants in two or three months, and if you raise a thousand no two will be alike. The leaves are large (often a foot long) and wavy, spotted, mottled, striped, splashed, marbled, etc., with the most rich and charming colors—white, purple, pink, crimson, green, yellow, velvety red and black—in endless variety. Such colors, such combinations and contrasts! They excell Fancy-Leaved Caladiums and all other foliage plants. The seed we offer is saved from the most magnificent specimens which have been so greatly admired at our conservatories.....15

Brachycome.

(Swan River Daisy)

This beautiful hardy garden annual has come out in new colors, and with larger and finer flowers, white, blue and violet-red, making a charming mixture. Flowers appear by the thousand. Exquisitely lovely. Seed sown in open ground is up and blooming in a few weeks. For pots these dainty flowers are most fascinating. Try them either way. They will be a revelation of beauty. 5





Baby Golden Glow. (Hybrids.)

This is the most effective annual. Seed is best started inside and the plants transplanted to the garden at the proper time. They will begin blooming at once, making a most symmetrical and compact growth as seen by the cut, and showing hundreds of brightest blossoms as double and as perfect as roses. Nothing but the famous Golden Glow itself can equal it for a display. Grows only two feet high, flowering early and profusely. Per pkt.

Mixed—Yellow and White..... 5

Carnation New Marguerite.

(HOUSE AND GARDEN.)

Dwarf Perpetual, Blooming in 3 months from Seed.

Think of getting Carnations in flower from seed in about three months, which last throughout the winter, and of various colors, white, pink, scarlet, purple, red, striped, mottled, flaked, variegated, etc. They are alike valuable for pot culture and for garden. Do not sow cheap Marguerite seed; it will disappoint you. Per pkt.

Mixed Colors—Half dwarf, the finest strain, with large double blossoms, blooming in three months..... 10
Pure White—Extra fine..... 10
Rosea—Fine, clear rose color..... 10
Scarlet—Deep bright rose color..... 10
New Dwarf—Plant of dwarf, stout habit, and flowers extra large sized and brilliant in colors. All colors mixed... 15
 One packet each of the 5 sorts for 40c.

Monthly Carnations. (House.)

A favorite with everyone. Fragrant double flowers of elegant form and exquisite markings. Seeds and plants grow freely as the old garden pink. Spring sown seeds make fine winter blooming plants.

Monthly or Perpetual—Mixed greenhouse sorts..... 10
Lawson Hybrids—This seed is grown in our own greenhouses and is saved from the newest, largest and finest known kinds, such as pink and white Lawson, Blue Bedder, etc. All carefully hybridized. Will produce magnificent varieties..... 20

Hardy Carnations.

These are perfectly hardy, standing the winter in the open ground and blooming most profusely in May or June. The flowers are extra large and perfect in form, very double and of every color, including fine yellows and dull shades of blue. They bloom much more freely than greenhouse Carnations, a plant often showing 50 to 75 flowers.

Early Dwarf Vienna—Mixed colors..... 10
Giants—Extra large and fine..... 20
Picotee Pink—Flowers more delicate than other pinks and pleasantly fragrant. Fine mixed..... 10
Hardy Hybrids—Hardy free bloomer, extra fine for the garden or for pots. Many fine colors mixed.... 15



Chrysanthemum. (House and Garden.)

Storm Petrel—This is a hardy perennial, with finely-cut fern-like foliage and dwarf growth. It blooms at all times of the year if kept in pots, and out of doors until after frosts have killed almost everything else. It is a very profuse bloomer, and the pretty, rosette-like flowers are pure white, very large and double. It blooms early the first year from seed, and makes a fine plant for both summer and winter..... 10

Calceolaria. (House.)

One of the handsomest and most striking pot plants we know of. Each plant bears hundreds of pocket-like flowers spotted and marked in the most curious manner. Our great show of Calceolarias during the late winter and spring months is one of the noted attractions of Floral Park.

Dwarf Hybrids—Large flowering, mixed colors..... 10
Grandiflora—Spotted and tinged, as well as fine self-colors; very large and exquisitely fine..... 15



COBÆA.

Cobæa. (Climber.)

One of the finest of climbers, equally good for out of doors or for house culture. Pretty foliage and large, bell-shaped flowers that open a clear green, but turn to a lovely purplish blue. Plant seed edgewise in moist but not wet soil, cover to prevent evaporation, and do not water again unless soil becomes very dry. When seedlings appear water with great moderation until out of seed leaf. Per pkt.

Scandens—Fine bluish purple..... 5

Cypress Vine. (Climber.)

One of the prettiest vines imaginable: quickly clothed with dark green, feathery foliage of great beauty, and dotted with intensely bright velvety flowers that shine like little stars against their glossy background of green. Fine for training to small trellises or to run up poles or strings. Mixed Colors—White scarlet, etc..... 5



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CANARY BIRD VINE. COPYRIGHTED 1897 BY J.L. CHILDS.

Canary Bird Flower. (Climber)

A dainty vine with beautiful cut leaves and pretty delicate flowers of a clear canary yellow. From the color of its blossoms, and also from a fancied resemblance of their shape to a bird with wings expanded, the plant obtained its common name. A very pretty vine for the window..... 5

Burning Cypress, or Kochia.

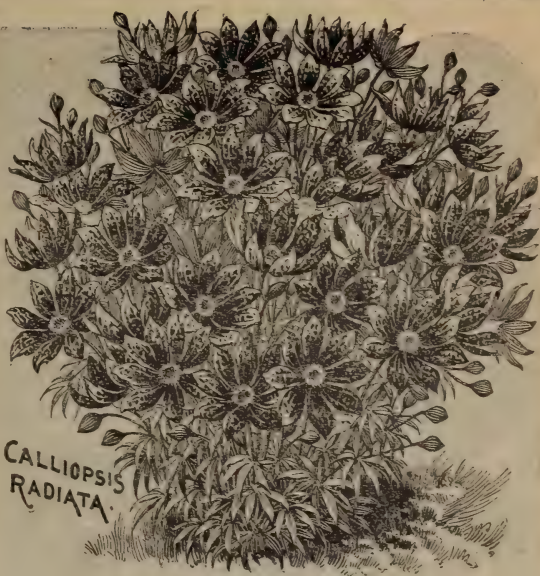


KOCHIA

A very brilliant plant in late summer and fall. Nothing more striking in appearance could possibly be grown. The plant forms a dense pyramidal mass of very ornamental foliage, which is a lively light green early in the season, changing later to red or scarlet of intense brilliancy..... 10

Calliopsis Lanceolata. (Perennial.)

Flowers rich yellow, of large size and borne on long graceful stems. Very profuse and showy..... 5



CALLIOPSIS RADIATA.

Calliopsis.

The Calliopsis, or Coreopsis, is one of our brightest, cheeriest annuals and as easy to grow as any weed. The myriads of gay flowers, poised on long foot-stalks above the foliage, make a mass or bed of these a dazzling sight. Per pkt.

Tom Thumb Beauty—This superb new strain grows only eight inches high, while the flowers are in size fully up to the taller growing variety and produced in endless profusion. The large, golden-yellow blossoms with rich velvety-crimson center are exceedingly striking..... 5

New Double—This new double form is fine..... 5

Radiata—Two colors mixed, a solid rich dark brown red, and the same color freely spotted with gold. The plant is very, very dwarf, compact and symmetrical, and a perfect bouquet of bloom all the time. One of the prettiest and most charming things we ever saw..... 10

Golden Ray—Rich velvety crimson-brown bordered gold. Very effective. Dwarf and compact like Radiata..... 5



DWARF LARGE-FLOWERING CANDYTUFT.

Candytuft.

This good old annual has been a garden favorite for three hundred years. A fine edging plant, and good for cutting. Sow very early in the open ground. Per pkt.

All Colors Mixed—Fine shades..... 5

Pure White—A favorite for floral work..... 5

Tom Thumb—Mixed colors. Bushy plants, only 4 to 5 inches high, bearing profusely compact spirals of bloom.

Dwarf Large Flowering—A strain of Candytuft growing only 6 inches high, branching freely and bearing immense numbers of large compact umbels of bloom. These flowers are very large and showy, being of brilliant and striking colors. We were surprised to find it more brilliant in a mass than Phloxes. It certainly is a grand good thing..... 10

Hardy Candytuft. (Perennial.)

One of the very best early perennials, extra fine for cemetery use, as the plants are a solid mass of white at just the time when flowers are most scarce.

Sempervirens—Large flowering, pure white. Hardy..... 5



Celosia Plumosa, Castle Gould.

Most Brilliant and Showy Bedding Annual.

This, the most brilliant annual in cultivation, originated on the Estate of Mr. Howard Gould, on Long Island, and has created more of a sensation among florists and flower fanciers than anything that has been introduced in many years. It is a magnificent flower for the garden and equally valuable for pots; will grow anywhere almost as freely as a weed. Begins to develop its great feathery plumes early in the season, and they grow larger and finer all the time till killed by frost. In pots they last nearly all winter. Colors brilliant scarlet, crimson, rose, orange, bright yellow, lemon, etc. These showy plumes are so numerous and large that the whole plant is a pyramid of silken, fluffy color, more brilliant and beautiful than one can possibly imagine or describe.....Per pkt 10

Celosia—(Cockscomb.)

The old Cockscomb of our mother's garden, but vastly improved of late years. Its huge combs, from six inches to a foot across, are of the most fiery, gorgeous colors and very fine all the late summer and autumn. Start in heat and transplant in the open ground after danger of frost is over.

Ostrich Plume—A new Celosia which bears feathery plumes of bloom, more like ostrich feathers or Pampas grass than anything else. These magnificent plumes are one to two feet in length, and of all colors from sulphur yellow to deep rich crimson, rose, pink, scarlet, yellow, orange, etc. A plant in bloom is one of the very brightest and showiest of all garden annuals. All colors mixed..... 5

Dwarf Mixed—A fine mixture of all colors, of dwarf habit but producing enormous heads of bloom.....10

American Flag—Large fine combs beautifully and oddly striped and variegated with various bright colors.....10

Gineraria. (House.)

A wonderfully beautiful greenhouse or window plant, and not at all hard to grow. The large, luxuriant leaves are surmounted in late winter and spring by immense panicles of magnificent large flowers of the most brilliant colors. No flower is more showy or effective, and the flowers last in full glory for two or three months. Colors exceedingly rich and velvety, ranging from crimson-black, to pure white, through all the shades of crimson and blues, frequently with large white centres or exquisite borders. Per pkt.

Grandiflora, Mixed—Large-flowering prize varieties.....10

Grandiflora, Dwarf Mixed—Two to three inches across.....20

Double Flowered—Extra choice mixed, all double.....25



CENTAUREA IMPERIALIS.

Centaurea Marguerite.

For an early summer garden flower nothing surpasses these superb new Centaureas. Each plant produces scores of flowers which are borne on long wiry stems, and are exceedingly graceful, while for cutting, for vases, or corsage wearing no flower can surpass them. Flowers 2 or 3 inches across, of the most lovely texture and superb fragrance. Sow seed in open ground very early; the plants will soon be up and blooming and continue for several months. They grow like weeds in any situation. Per pkt.

Pure White—Perfect exquisite..... 5

Mixed, All Colors—Yellow, lilac, white, etc..... 5

Imperialis Mixed Colors—The plant is much larger and more vigorous with blossoms fully DOUBLE THE SIZE of the Marguerite. They possess the same colors and delicious fragrance, and long graceful stems.....10

Chameleon—A new bright yellow variety of great beauty. One of the best recent novelties.....10

Campanula.

(Perennial.)

Beautiful plants known as Canterbury Bells. Large bell shaped flowers, very cheerful and attractive. Colors, blue, white, pink, etc. Sow seed in open ground, cover lightly and thin plants to stand twelve inches apart.

Double, Mixed Colors—A fine strain..... 5

Cup And Saucer—Beautiful wide spreading flowers holding a cup. Very fine; all colors mixed.... 5

Prize Mixture—All colors double and single. A choice selection of all the very best named sorts.....10

Giant Harebell—Extra fine and free blooming with long spikes of lovely large blue flowers.... 5



Commelina Sellowiana.

(Butterfly Flower.)

A lovely perpetual flowering plant for the garden in summer, or for pots all the year. Of trailing habit, producing each day large numbers of beautiful blossoms, two inches across, of the most exquisite blue color. The flowers really look like butterflies. Blooms in a very short time from seed, and for either garden or pots it is a perfect gem, flowering freely every day all winter and summer.

Mixed Colors—(Commelina Sellowiana)—Blue and pink... 5



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CYCLAMEN

Cyclamen. (House.)

For full description of our grand new Cyclamen, see Plant Department. Our strain of Cyclamen seed is the finest to be had, as we have made a specialty of this flower for several years and secured the finest improved sorts. All our Cyclamen have most elegant variegated foliage and very large and perfect flowers of the most delicate and charming colors.

Persicum Giganteum—Finest mixture.....10
Per pkt.



**HYBRID
DELPHINIUMS**

Delphinium. (Perennial.)

One of the choicest perennials known, and increases in beauty each year. Tall, stately growing, with immense spikes of flowers in all shades of lavender, mauve, pale, medium and deep, dark blues. Very hardy. Per pkt.

Tall Mixed—Fine large growing plants with long spikes of bloom of various colors.....5

New Early Hybrids—This flower the first summer from spring sown seed. Plants of large stately growth with magnificent long spikes of bloom in various shades of blue. It is the perfect Delphinium in every respect, and good for several years when once planted. Don't fail to try it. Best of all. Mixed colors.....10



SEEDLING DAHLIAS.

Dahlias from Seed.

Flowering in 3 or 4 Months.

Good Dahlias can be grown from seed, and plants will bloom the first season from seed. Anyone who can raise a Zinnia or Morning Glory can grow Dahlias from seed. They are remarkably easy to germinate. Seed sown in the house in March or April will produce flowering plants as soon as plants grown from tubers. Some of the finest, largest Dahlias, and the richest colors we have ever seen, were among seedlings. Out of a large paper of seed, no two plants will be alike in flower, while there will be every color represented from snow-white to black maroon. Per pkt.

Double Large-Flowered, Mixed—Will produce some magnificent varieties.....15

Double Pompon, Mixed—Extra choice strain.....10
Single, Mixed Colors—Flowers very large and of rainbow colors. Exceedingly popular as cut flowers.....5

Double Cactus—Large double fantastic blossoms, which in shape and brilliancy of colors rival the finest Cactus. All colors and shapes are represented.....10

Collaret—Outer row of large rich petals, inner row of smaller pure white petals. Very striking. Mixed colors...10

Clematis Flowered—Great blossoms often 8 to 10 inches across, with elegant wide flexible petals more beautiful than the finest Clematis. Colors delicate and rich.20

Datura.

One of the finest garden flowers, plants rapid and bushy growers, crowned with great Lily-like blossoms a foot in length, like an enormous trumpet, white as snow, deliciously scented. It is a fine plant for the center of a bed of evening bloomers or to use at the base of a rockery. One plant in bloom will scent up a whole garden or lawn. Per pkt.

Double and Single, Mixed—Many fine colors.....5



Delphinium Cardinalis.

A beautiful Cardinal Scarlet Delphinium of great beauty and brilliancy.....10



EXQUISITE DIANTHUS PINKS.

Dianthus.

Like its near relative, the Carnation, the Dianthus is superlatively beautiful, many varieties possessing a radiant-like fire that is impossible to describe, but it is the very acme of richness and beauty. A grand flower for cutting or flower work. Spw early either in the house or open ground, and plants will not only bloom all summer and fall, but will survive the winter and bloom the next season. Per pkt:

- Diadematus flora plena**—Splendid double flowers of the richest, darkest shades, fringed, mottled, striped, spotted, flaked, margined, etc., in a most beautiful manner. 10
- Double White**—Fine for contrasting. 10
- Eastern Queen**—Grand flower 3 or 4 inches across, beautifully striped and shaded. 5
- Princess Pinks**—These are single and marvels in rich coloring. If double, the wonderful beauty of richest combination of colors ever seen in any flower would not show to advantage. They bloom early from seed, and will certainly surprise you with their rich and marvelous combination of colors. 10

Per pkt.

- Imperialis**—Double Imperial Pinks. Robust, bushy growers bearing great quantities of large, double flowers of rich, glowing colors. 5
- Brilliant**—A dwarf grower with numerous double flowers of dark, rich red, large as Carnations. 5
- Fireball**—(NEW)—Very large and double, equal to best Carnations. Rich dark scarlet. Superb. 10
- Nobilis**—(ROYAL PINKS)—These are free luxuriant growers with dark robust foliage and very large flowers of many rich and varied colors. All colors mixed. Immense size. 10

One pkt. each of above 8 sorts for 50c.

- Mixed**—Our own mixture of the most beautiful double and single sorts, and of every desirable shade. Will give a bed of beautiful flowers, scarcely two alike. 10

Dimorphotheca Aurantiaca.

This is the very best, entirely new and distinct, garden annual that has been introduced in a generation. The

plants, of very neat branching habit, grow about 12 to 15 inches high and are exceedingly profuse in flowering. Its blossoms show a unique glossy rich orange-gold, which brilliant coloring is rendered the more conspicuous by the dark colored disc surrounded by a black zone. This splendid annual is well adapted for groups or borders, it produces its pretty flowers very early after being planted out in the open ground and will continue to flower during the summer months. A bed in full bloom is a magnificent sight on bright days. Seed may be started under glass or sown in the open ground. It is a glorious thing. 10

Dimorphotheca

New Hybrids.

Glorious new colors in all shades from pure white to deep orange. Many are beautifully rayed or zoned. Certainly a great acquisition, and a magnificent new garden favorite. 10



DIMORPHOTHECA
AURANTIACA
HYBRIDS.



Everlasting Flowers.

Flowers of eternal beauty, those that never fade. Unsurpassed for winter decoration and when made into bouquets, or arrayed in vases, they last for years. Should be cut and dried when in bud and blossom. Per pkt.

AMMOBIUM Alatum—Plant robust and great bloomer.

Flowers, pure white, and very double..... 5
ACROCLINUM, Double Mixed—Flowers pure pearly white, and exquisite soft clear pink, with bright golden center. Cut the first day they open..... 5

GOMPHRENA, Mixed Colors—Good for the garden and make neat pot plants. Plants bear great quantities of clover-like blooms, altogether different in appearance from any other everlasting, and very attractive..... 5

HELICHRYSUM, Monstrosum Mixed—Plants grow two feet high, and are very hardy, blooming until late autumn. An easy plant to grow, and flowers are very bright. The white and light-colored varieties color easily, and are often dyed in shades not otherwise obtainable and used in wreaths, etc..... 5

RHODANTHEUM, Mixed—A fine everlasting, good for the garden, and a pretty pot plant. The most delicate and graceful of this useful class. Try it by all means.. 5

XERANTHEMUM, Mixed Colors—An easily grown everlasting and furnishes the only shades of blues and purple to be found in this class..... 5

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES, Mixed—Very beautiful ornamental grasses which are extra fine for making into dried bouquets with everlastings..... 5

One pkt. each of the 7 for 30c.

Job's Tears. (*Coix Lacrymae*.)

A most beautiful ornamental grass with great drooping sprays of hard bead-like seeds. These seeds are fine for various kinds of ornamental work and are strung and worn about the neck. In this way they are used for teething babies who get much help and relief from chewing the strings of beads. Per oz. 15c., lb. \$1.50.

Feverfew. (House and Garden.)

Fine border plants that are always in flower. They bloom quickly from seed, and are extra good for cutting. They also make fine plants for winter blooming in pots. Flowers large and double like Roses, and very profusely borne at all times of the year. Habit dwarf and compact, making them very desirable either for garden or pots. Per pkt.

Little Belle—Fine snow-white, very dwarf..... 5

Little Fred—Pure golden yellow, very dwarf..... 5

Eximia Grandiflora—Flowers enormous in size, as double as Roses, and pure snow-white. A most superb pot plant, blooming all the year round..... 10



Fenzlia.

Charming low-growing plants, forming mat-like tufts of foliage, thickly dotted by a long succession of beautiful white or rose-purple throated flowers. An extra fine little plant for edging or carpet bedding or baskets in the house. Blooms very quickly from seed.

Mixed Colors—White, pink and other delicate shades.... 10

Fuchsia. (House.)

Lovely pot plants, which bloom profusely at all times. Grows rapidly from seed, producing many fine new sorts.

Mixed Hybrids—Finest seed from best double and single named sorts..... 20

Ferns. (House.)

Boston Ferns are very beautiful and of great variety, and interesting to grow from seed to get a vast number of kinds. Seed is however as fine as dust and requires skill to insure success.....

Boston Ferns—Finest of all. Several sorts mixed..... 10



CHILDS'
NEW GIANT
GERANIUMS

Geranium, Giant Flowered.

Habit compact, with large healthy foliage. Flowers perfect in shape, round and sometimes beautifully cupped. Trusses immense and the blooming qualities of the plant truly wonderful. In coloring they are perfect marvels, showing combinations and brightness of tints hitherto unknown. The spotted or speckled varieties are very novel and extremely attractive. Flower quickly from seed and in every respect are superior to all other Geraniums. We grow all our Geranium seed in California, and it is very fine.

SINGLE GIANT ZONEAL GERANIUMS.

Mixed Colors—All types with varied and brilliant colors, saved from more than 50 magnificent sorts, all finest named varieties, plants of which are offered elsewhere in this catalogue.....10
Pure White—Extra large and fine.....10
Pink—Exquisite shades.....10
Scarlet—All very brilliant.....10
Spotted and Striped—All superbly variegated.....10

The 5 for 10c.

DOUBLE FLOWERED GIANT GERANIUMS.

Double Mixed—All colors and a magnificent lot. Saved from our own superb Hybrids. Seed will produce some of the grandest double Geraniums ever seen.....25
Bruant Mammoth Double—A new French strain of Geranium, plants of which grow to an immense size, one half larger than any other sort. The flowers and trusses are also enormous and double. All colors mixed.....30

IVY-LEAVED GERANIUMS.

Double and Single Mixed—Extra fine, with magnificent trusses of bright colored flowers and a beautiful trailing habit, with rich, ivy-like foliage.....25

FANCY GERANIUMS.

Bronze, Silver and Gold, Tricolor etc.—Mixed, superb foliage varieties, exquisite coloring.....25



Godetia.

Quick growing and profuse flowering annual of showy colors. Easily grown by anyone. Sow seed early in open ground.

Mixed Colors—White, pink, lilac, etc.....5

Crimson Glow—This is a new Godetia of compact growth, flowering so freely that a plant looks like a beautiful and symmetrical bouquet. The color of the flowers is intense crimson, with white center, and are produced in marvelous profusion. Sow seed in the open ground early, and the beauty and brilliancy of this Novelty will please all. It is one of the great and good novelties of recent years.....10

Double Mixed—A fine range of bright colors.....5

Gloxinia. (House.)

See also Bulb Department.

Gloxinias grow well from seed, and if given good care, will bloom in five months from the time of sowing of seed, giving large beautiful blossoms. Our seed is extra choice, and the fine bulbs we offer are all grown from seed. Per pkt. **Fine Mixed**—From a good collection.....10
Childs' Giant Mixed—The largest and finest of all strains of Gloxinias. Blooms in a short time from seed.....20



GIANT GLOXINIA.

Gourds, Ornamental, (Climber.)

Well-known climbers, with the most fantastic and grotesque fruit imaginable. Fine for covering sheds, training over fences or brush piles, and always sure to attract the attention of the children, who love to play with the pretty striped and oddly crooked fruits. Keep perfect for years.

- Mixed Sorts**—All sizes, shapes and colors.....10
Nest Egg Improved—A striking vine when hanging full of its pretty, curious fruit that closely resemble smooth, well-shaped, hen's eggs. As the shells become very tough and hard they do not crack or burst open in freezing weather, and are thus very useful for nest eggs. Very ornamental as well.....10
Dipper—Another useful Gourd, as the fruit is light and strong and does not rust, rot nor heat easily, just right to use in dipping hot liquids, besides being useful for bird's nests, fancy hanging baskets, etc.....5
Sugar Trough—Enormous hard-shelled fruits, holding from three to ten gallons each, and as they never rust or rot, and are very light and strong, are just right to use as receptacles for lard, salt, seed corn, soap, etc., or to use as nesting boxes, buckets. They last for years.....5
Early Luffa—The lace-like net-work of fibre which forms inside the fruits is a very useful article, and is used for various purposes, such as dish-rags, sponges, and even for bonnets and other millinery work. Flowers also large and showy.....5
Angora—Very rapid grower. Fruit green, spotted white. Very ornamental.....10
Miniature Bottle—Fruit very small and pretty.....5
Bishops Mitre—Three colored. A most beautiful gourd of various colors.....10

The 3 pkts. for 40c.



DOUBLE GAILLARDIA



SHASTA DAISY.

Gerbera or Crimson Daisy.

This flowers both summer and winter, and makes a fine pot plant. The flower stems rise to a height of two feet, and are exceedingly graceful bearing a large, daisy-like blossom three or four inches across, and of a fine crimson color, with a velvety texture which makes it particularly beautiful.

- Jamesoni**—Elegant bright crimson.....10
New Hybrids—Mixed, new and very fine, embracing several fine colors and tints.....20

Shasta Daisy.

Hybrids, large, beautiful and abundant bloomers in every way, with large flat petals, others quilled or twisted, showing all the aesthetic beauty of Cactus Dahlias. Some will also be quite double.....10

Gaillardia Perfection.

These are aptly called the Chrysanthemum Gaillardias, owing to their great size, brilliant colors and double and perfect blossoms. Flowers are enormous size, perfectly double, and borne in great profusion all summer, while the colors and variegations are the most brilliant and beautiful imaginable, scarlet, red, orange, purple, lemon, buff, etc. As pot plants they are also exquisite. Start seed early.

- Perfection**—Mixed many colors, large double and fine.....10
The Bride—New, pure white.....10



A TRELLIS OF MIXED ORNAMENTAL GOURDS



Early Flowering Hollyhocks.

A new strain of Hollyhock which grows quickly and flowers in August and September from spring sown seed. Stalks not quite so tall as other Hollyhocks, but the flowers are large, showy, double and single. Mixed colors.....10



Heliotrope. (House and Garden.)

NEW EARLY-FLOWERING MAMMOTH.

This new strain of Heliotrope blooms in a short time from seed, and plants are as easily raised from seed as Pansies or Asters. The seedlings make a rapid growth and are in bloom in a short time. They bloom abundantly in the garden all summer or the year round in pots. The panicles of bloom are often six inches across, three times as large as ordinary Heliotrope, while the colors range from indigo-black through all shades of blue to almost pure white, and some with red tints, others with large white eye. In fragrance they seem to surpass the ordinary sorts. A packet of this seed will furnish a bed of flowers for your garden or lawn, and give you great handfuls of delicious blossoms all summer.

Per pkt.
Mixed—All colors, white, violet, blue, purple, etc.....15
Violet—Extra large, dark violet.....20
Mammoth White, New. Pure white.....20

Hollyhock. (Perennial.)

Our Superb Giant Double Strain.

One of the finest of all perennials and unsurpassed as a stately, imposing plant for backgrounds, screens, center of wide borders, etc. Plants grow from four to six feet high, and bear pyramidal spikes, of large rosette-like flowers of every shade and color, from pure white to almost black. The yellow, magenta, rose and black are intensely pure and deep, while the pure white, pale lemon, soft pink and lavender shades are exquisitely soft and delicate. The pearly blooms of the white Hollyhock are as fine for all floral work as the best double Rose or Camellia. If seeds are started very early, plants often bloom by fall.

Double White—Pure and true.....10
" Magenta—Fine bright color.....10
" Lemon—Pure, bright lemon color.....10
" Pink—Very delicate and pretty.....10
" Black—Rich chocolate black.....10

1 packet each of above 5 for 30c.

Double, Mixed Colors—Very choice, embracing over twenty different shades.....10
Mammoth Allegheny—Flowers 4 to 6 inches across finely fringed and curled, and of such exquisite shading as to resemble crushed silk. Colors, pink, red, rose, shaded, tinted, bordered, etc., all mixed.....10

Hollyhock Plants—Double mixed all colors.
3 for 40c., 7 for 75c., 12 for \$1.00.

Honeysuckle

(Climber.)

Everyone knows the Honeysuckle, with its delicious fragrance but everyone does not know that it is quite easily grown from seed, blooming often the first season.

Mixed—White, red, yellow, etc.....10





SUNFLOWER.



LINARIA.

Linaria Excelsior Hybrids.

Per pkt
It is like a miniature Snapdragon. Not so heavy and bulky, but airy and graceful with exquisite blending of colors, white, yellow, orange, rose, pink, lilac, violet, crimson, etc. It blooms in 40 to 50 days from seed, and continues in perfection for 3 to 4 months. Has neat pretty foliage and delicate fragrance. Splendidly adapted to winter blooming in pots, and for the garden. Mixed colors.....10

Helianthus. (Sunflower.)

Baby Sunflower—A dwarf branching Sunflower, growing less than two feet high, loaded at all times with lovely Cosmos-like blossoms, of perfect shape and wide spreading petals. Rich deep yellow with black center. A very beautiful flower. It begins blooming in a month after seed is sown, and few garden flowers are more attractive; the large showy blossoms on such tiny plants look very beautiful.....5
Large Double—Magnificent blossoms as large as a man's hat, and perfectly double like a Dahlia. Very showy... 5



VARIEGATED HOP



LEMON VERBENA

Variegated Hop. (Chamber.)

A new annual Japanese Hop which is a wonderfully quick and vigorous grower like the Kudzu Vine. The large handsome leaves are beautifully variegated, white, green, and pale yellow. It is a highly ornamental vine and one that will grow in any situation and cover an immense amount of space, reaching 15 to 20 feet.....10

Lemon Verbena. (House and Garden.)

Everyone knows the Lemon Verbena, and everyone ought to have a few specimens of it; its fragrant foliage is so fine to use for bouquets and other work....10



Lantana Early Gleam.

Flowers in a Few Weeks From Seed.
(House and Garden.)

New, and seed will produce fine flowering plants in two or three months, the plants continuing to flower most profusely all summer and fall in the garden and all the year round in pots. Habit dwarf, compact, and bushy, loaded down with bright blossoms all the time. Colors white, crimson, orange, yellow, rose, pink, etc. No novelty has proved more satisfactory than this, either for the garden or for pots. Very easily grown in any soil or situation. Per pkt.

Trochere —Crimson red, yellow center.....	The five	5
Eole —Beautiful rose yellow center.....	sorts	5
Snow Queen —Pure white.....	for 20c.	5
Francein —Rosy lilac, cream center.....		5
Lemon Gem —Fine straw yellow.....		5
Mixed —Some 20 different colors.....		10

Lobelias.

Charming little plants for small beds, edging baskets, etc. Graceful and pretty, and colors exceedingly clear. A most charming pot plant for window culture, blooming in four weeks and making the prettiest little pot flowers.

Sapphire—A glorious new sort that stands our hot dry summers and blooms profusely from May to November in the garden. (or pots.) It fairly carpets the ground with a mass of vines and foliage, thickly set with large sapphire blue flowers that have a large clear white center. One of the very finest recent novelties.....10

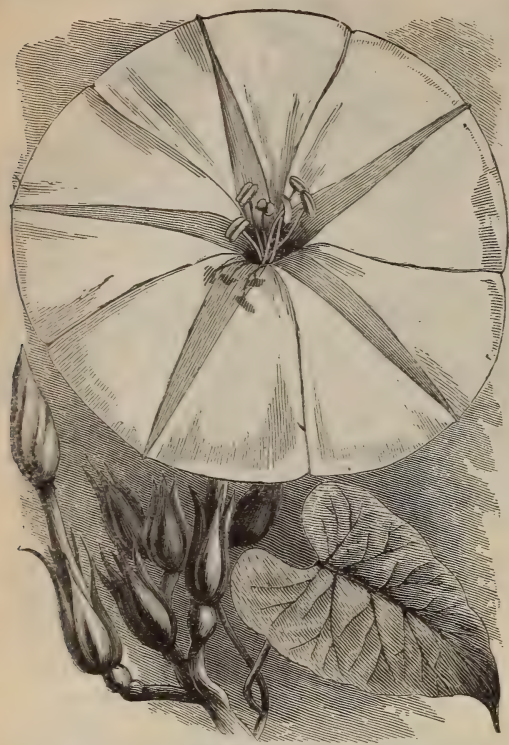
New Trailing—It makes a most beautiful plant for a hanging pot or basket, the long drooping stems bearing elegant blue flowers with white center in profusion, the effect of which is most charming.....10

Crystal Palace—Dark blue best for bedding.....5

Dwarf Mixed Colors—All the best, some with golden foliage.....5

Double Dwarf—(Wonder)—A grand new Double Lobelia of great beauty and profusion. Mixed colors.10





MOONFLOWER.

Moonflower. (Climber.)

Its rapid, luxuriant growth, its thick, overlapping glossy foliage, and its nightly scores of immense silky blooms of rare fragrance, are merits that cannot be overestimated. By actual count a strong vine will bear one to three thousand of its superb blossoms in a season. Very fine for piazzas.

- Ipomoea Noctiflora**—Grand foliage and magnificent snow-white blossoms four or five inches across.....10
- Ipomoea Learei**—A large vine. Flowers lovely azure blue.10
- Ivy-Leaved**—A new Moonflower which opens early in the morning and remains open nearly all day. It is the greatest bloomer of all vines, a single plant producing thousands of flowers each day. Flowers pink or creamy white; leaves ivy-shaped and produced in great masses, making a dense shade.....10
- Mixed Moonflower Seed**—All the above, and others.....15



TRAILING MORNING GLORY.



BUSH MORNING GLORY.

Trailing Morning Glory.

(*Convolvulus Mauritanicus*.)

Acknowledged to be one of the finest basket plants in existence. Beautiful trailing plant, completely covered with large, wide-open, morning-glory-like blue flowers which remain open all day. For a basket on veranda or in window, or as a trailing plant in the garden it is just splendid. Blooms winter as well as summer.....10



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JAPANESE MORNING GLORY.

Japan Morning Glories.

CHILDS' GIANT IMPERIAL. (Climbing.)

A new strain with gigantic blooms as large as Moon-flowers, colors, markings and variegations never before seen, and of indescribable beauty. Seed germinate quickly, and the vines grow rapidly and are soon in bloom. The flowers are borne by the hundreds, are of enormous size, five or six inches across, and of the most delicate, vivid and blending colors to be seen in any flower. Some will be pure white, others crimson, brick-red, light and dark blues, pinks, etc., while others show a rich and varied combination of colors blended together in a most enchanting way: spotted; blotched, striped, stained, penciled, bordered, mottled and variegated in every conceivable manner. To add to their beauty the leaves of many of the varieties are richly marbled and variegated white and green.

- Mixed, All Colors**—More than 100 kinds, (oz. 50c.).....10
- Giant Mikado**—The newest and grandest strain with enormous blossoms, and the greatest range of beautiful colors and fantastic variegations.....20
- Ceres**—Extra fine. Bright magenta, with wide white border. Foliage variegated.....10
- Aurata**—Elegant yellow foliage, often marbled white; flowers of various colors. Perfectly exquisite.....10
- Antigone**—Marbled foliage, sky-blue blossoms.....10
- Double Mixed Colors**—Many plants from this seed will produce double blossoms.....20

Above 6 pkts for 50c.

Common Morning Glory.

The fine old Morning Glory is as lovely now as when it was the pet of our grandmothers. Give the dear old vine a place. Nothing more attractive among annual climbers.

- Mixed Colors**—The old-fashioned climbing (oz. 10c.)..... 5
- Big Crimson**—Of the old-fashioned free growing type but with extra large bright crimson blossoms in great profusion. Very fine and showy..... 5
- Airy Fairy**—Blush white, violet pink throat. Very early and profuse. It blooms way ahead of and in far greater abundance than any other..... 5
- New Double Mixed**—White, crimson, blue, etc., with double and semi-double blossoms. Novel and fine....10

Above 4 fine sorts for 20c.

Bush Morning Glory.

(*Convolvulus Minor*.)

A pretty little plant, growing ten to twelve inches high. Flowers like a Morning Glory, but remains open all day. Very profuse bloomer and flowers of many bright and pleasing colors.

- Mixed Colors**—Fine showy shades..... 5



Mignonette.

Mignonette is the French word for "little darling." No more expressive word could well be found for the sweet flower. No garden is complete without its plot of Mignonette, no nosegay finished without its sprig of this sweet smelling flower. We pride ourselves on our choice strains of this favorite flower and believe no finer seed can be procured anywhere. Sow early in the ground for summer blooming and in pots any time for the window. Per pkt. **Common Sweet**—The small flowered variety; very sweet. Per oz., 20.

- Pyramidal or Giant Tree**—A robust grower with numerous large spikes of flowers. Branching very freely and blooms for a long period; very sweet. 5
- Giant White Spiral**—Very distinct from all other sorts; rank, luxuriant foliage, deeply cut and decidedly ornamental. Each plant bears great quantities of large, snow-white spikes, that are very pretty for cutting and for small bouquets. 5
- Machet**—One of the finest. Plants bushy and a profuse bloomer, with extra large spikes of a pretty brick-red color; exceedingly fragrant. Much inferior seed of this variety is on the market. Ours is strictly pure. 10
- Allen's Giant Goliath**—This is decidedly the largest and finest Mignonette ever grown. It is fine in the open ground, but grows to best advantage as a winter bloomer in pots. With good care it produces spikes over a foot in length, and of enormous size. 10
- New Sorts Mixed**—A fine mixture of a lot of new large-flowering sorts; representing a range of shades varying from brown-red to yellow. A most magnificent mixture and will give a varied and beautiful bed. 10

SPECIAL OFFER—One pkt. each of the above 6 sorts for 30c.

Linum Perenne Early Flowering.



This is a strain of the grand old L. Perenne, a hardy perennial. This new form flowers freely the first summer from seed and is a beautiful thing. Its peculiar beauty cannot be described; it must be seen. It sends up numerous stems, which send out long, wiry branches, which are clothed with a growth of small, almost hair-like foliage. At the tip of the branches are poised large, salver-shaped blossoms, borne with such airy grace that they appear to be floating in the air. The effect is charming. Sow seed early and plants will soon be in bloom. Two colors mixed, blue and white. 5



Forget-me-not or Myosotis.

Beautiful for shady nooks and quiet beds, and exquisite for cutting and for wearing. Like the Pansy there is something almost human in the expression of these modest little flowers, that look you frankly in the eyes as though they had something to tell you. Fine for pot culture.

- Per pkt. **Palustris**—Elegant blue flowers of large size. 5
- Dwarf Mixed Colors**—Bushy growth, large size. 5
- Triumph**—This is a splendid new, large-flowering sort which will blossom in six to eight weeks from seed. 10

Maurandya. (Climber.)

It has an exceedingly graceful habit, very handsome, dense foliage, pretty fox-glove-like blossoms, borne in great profusion, and keeps green until after severe frosts. A beautiful vine for hanging baskets, with its dainty white, maroon and rose colored blossoms. Mixed colors. 5



New Giant Oenothera America.

This is a gigantic Evening Primrose as white as snow and as large as a moonflower. It is one of Luther Burbank's best recent novelties. Sow seed early in the open ground, and in a very few weeks the plants will be up and blooming, and when you see it for the first time you will marvel at its size and magnificence. It will be a center of interest and attraction in your garden all summer long. Take our advice and try it. It will do well anywhere. 10



Marigold.

Petted by our grandmothers, neglected by our mothers, now once more on the high wave of popularity. Bright, showy flowers, that need only the slightest care. Per pkt.

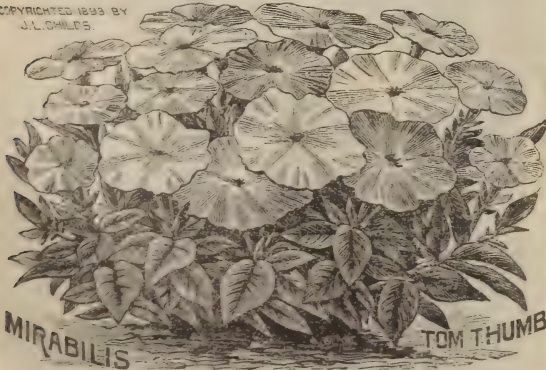
French, Mixed Colors—Double flowers, rich, dark shade. 5

Dahlia Flowered—Very rank and tall, studded with enormous double Dahlia-like flowers. The colors range from the palest canary-yellow to a deep, full orange... 5

Dwarf Giant Flowered—This is of the French class and grows only twelve to fifteen inches high while the flowers are as large and double as those of the African class and of the richest colors imaginable. Some will be pure golden-yellow, others rich velvety crimson-brown, others will be striped, or bordered, while some will have a golden center surrounded by a rich band of dark color, and others will be quartered or halved.... 10

Legion of Honor—A most sterling variety. Plant very dwarf and compact, bearing its flowers well above the foliage. These are of large size, and exceedingly striking, owing to the wide contrast in their colors. The center of the flower is a bright brownish red, while the outer half is fine golden yellow. It is really the prettiest Marigold we have ever seen, and should be in every garden. It blooms profusely all summer, and in autumn the whole plant is a solid pyramid of bloom.... 5

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Miribilis—(Four O'clocks.)

Plants are crowded for months with innumerable silk-like flowers of the most ravishing colors, and exhaling a delicious perfume. Indeed, the celebrated "Jockey Club" perfume is made from Longiflora.

Tom Thumb Yellow Leaved—Mixed colors. A new dwarf strain of great beauty. Grows only 12 inches high, and each plant is a compact mass of lovely yellowish leaves, which in evening are hidden by hundreds of gay blossoms of all colors and variegations. 5

Longiflora—Flowers 4 inches long and very fragrant. 5



Nicotiana.

Really one of the most satisfactory of all garden or pot flowers, and equally valuable for either purpose. Sanderæ and the new Sanderæ-Affinis Hybrids are entirely new and beautiful beyond description, and loaded with flowers at all times. Nothing can surpass them for beauty, profusion of bloom and ease of culture. Blooms in 60 days from time of sowing seed, either in garden or pots. Per pkt.

Sanderæ—Plants from seed attain a height of two to three feet in less than three months and are covered with exquisite long tubular blossoms of a fine deep crimson color. Makes a splendid contrast with the old white variety, N. Affinis, and is not only a superb garden plant, but is also a great pot plant for fall and winter blooming. Don't miss it..... 5

Sanderæ Hybrids—Exquisite hybrids of Sanderæ and Affinis with a fine range of beautiful colors from crimson to white—the pink, rose and tinted shades are simply exquisite. Flowers very large almost as large as Petunia, with tubes five inches long..... 10

Affinis—Three feet high, with hundreds of fragrant blossoms borne for months. Pure white and very sweet... 5

Sylvestris—This is a magnificent garden ornament, growing five feet high with handsome leaves, making it a grand foliage plant. It also bears large, branching panicles of long, tubular, white flowers, which are very handsome and fragrant, each panicle showing 50 flowers at a time. For ornamental bedding it is great. 5

Nymphæa Zanzibarensis.

(AQUATIC.)

The grand African Water Lily, with enormous incurved flowers of the most exquisite coloring, so profuse blooming that a tub of them is never without flowers from early summer until frost. They grow so rapidly that they will bloom in ten weeks from seed and are so little trouble anyone can succeed with them. Give them a very rich soil, full sun, and shallow water to start in. Mixed colors, 20





Dwarf Nasturtiums.

If we were asked to name the six best annuals, the Nasturtium would be one of them. They are so easy to grow that a six-year-old child could plant them and care for them, and they have every good quality of a bedding plant—compact habit, attractive foliage, intensely bright and beautiful flowers, borne profusely the whole season, not troubled by insects, and standing dry weather well.

- Per pkt.
- Lady Bird**—Beautiful yellow, stained deep crimson..... 5
- Empress of India**—Dark purple foliage and very dark rich crimson flowers. Grand for edging or ribbon bed. 10
- King Theodore**—Darkest of all, almost black in color..... 5
- Golden King**—One of the loveliest shades of yellow..... 5
- Coccinea**—Bright, flashing scarlet..... 5
- Pearl**—The nearest white. Good for contrast..... 5
- Rose**—A lovely soft shade of rose..... 5
- Spotted**—Gorgeous in colors and markings..... 5
- King of Tom Thumbs**—Deep velvety scarlet, with handsome dark foliage. Very fine..... 5
- Ruby King**—An elegant new sort, with flowers of large size and rich ruby color. A grand sort..... 10
- Golden Leaved**—Very brilliant flowers ranging from scarlet to yellow, and golden yellow foliage. As garden or pot plants they are unique, combination highly ornamental foliage and showy flowers. Mixed colors. Oz. 30c. 5
- Dwarf Caprice**—Bears large blossoms in abundance, some of which will be yellow, some crimson, some rose, and others beautifully mottled and variegated..... 10
- Ivy-Leaved Mixed**—Superb new strain with brilliant blossoms in all colors and elegant ivy-like foliage. Very effective..... 10
- Baby Mixed**—A new class of very small growing Nasturtiums, with lovely little leaves and the brightest and loveliest of blossoms borne in endless profusion..... 10
- Tom Thumb Fine Mixed**—Per oz. 20c.; per lb. \$1.50..... 5
- Dwarf Variegated-Leaved Mixed**—All with fine variegated leaves, and brilliant flowers of various colors..... 10

One packet each of the above 16 for 75c.

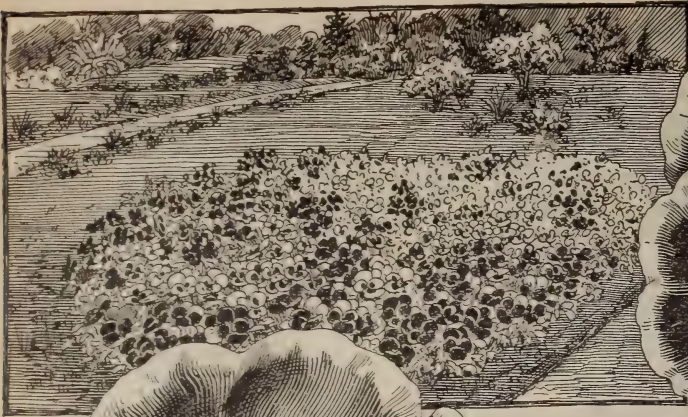
Giant-Flowered Tom Thumb, Mixed—The blossoms are simply enormous in size, and there is a marvelous range of colors and an infinite variety of new shades. Clear golden yellow, salmon-pink, red, golden-brown, canary color, terra cotta, orange and black, with all combinations, making a most brilliant showing. The plants are dwarf and compact in habit, with large luxuriant foliage, and bloom with wonderful profusion all summer long. 3 pkts., 20c.; oz., 30c.; lb. \$2.00. 10

Climbing Nasturtiums.

Climbing Nasturtiums can be used as bedders by pegging the long shoots to the ground, as low climbers for window or screen, or used as house climbers in winter. They are never molested by insects, and are quick, clean growers that soon cover themselves with flowers of the brightest, richest colors. They withstand heat and drouth well.

- Mixed, All Colors**—Very fine. Oz., 20c..... 5
- Tall Variegated Leaved Mixed**—All with variegated foliage. Very fine..... 5
- Mad, Gunther Hybrids**—A strain of large flowered, elegantly blotched and marked sorts. More than twenty different colors and shades appear among them. All of new and peculiar beauty..... 10
- Othello**—Black flowers and dark foliage. Very novel..... 10
- Lobbianum, or Ivy-Leaved**—Mixed colors, all with fine frimbriated petals. Colors intense and very striking, being far more brilliant than other Nasturtiums. Foliage also very beautiful like ivy, and vines exceedingly graceful. For the garden they are superb; but for window culture they are grand, as they grow and flower freely during fall, winter and spring..... 10
- New Golden Climber**—Beautiful golden colored leaves and brilliant blossoms of a great variety of fine colors. The bright colored blossoms mingling with the charming light yellow leaves produces a pretty effect..... 10

One packet each of these 6 Climbing Nasturtiums for 40c.



Childs' Grand Pansies.

The smallest yard must have its Pansies. Strong, vigorous plants, rioting in the cool, deep, mellow beds they love. In such a bed one may gather great velvety Pansies by the hundreds—flowers so radiantly beautiful that they scarcely seem of earth. Although the Pansy loves coolness, and gives its largest, finest blooms in early spring and late autumn, they are so easy to grow that those living in the South can grow superb ones by giving rich bed, sheltered location, and abundant water. Sow seed early in house or in the open ground. In the open ground sow seed early in spring, while the ground is yet cool and moist, for late autumn and fall bloom; or in August and September for spring and early summer bloom. For fall-sown seed have the bed moist and kept shady by boards or papers until the plants appear. These will make vigorous plants that will endure the winter if protected by a few evergreen boughs, or other light covering. Do not let the plants seed if you wish to keep them in bloom freely all the time.

Our Pansy Seed is the very choicest product of Europe, and the various strains and distinct varieties we offer are the best known to cultivation. You can bank on our Pansy seed.

Per pkt.

Large - Flowering. Choice Mixed Colors—A superb strain

of choice large-flowering types, including all colors. Will give great satisfaction. 5

Imperial German Mixed—Introduced by us several years ago, and a leading favorite. Large flowers of the finest coloring; stout, robust, bushy growth, withstanding the heat and producing fine large flowers during the entire summer. Flowers of great substance and beauty. Mixed colors. 10

Jennings—A wonderful new strain of Pansy which has been developed in Conn. Some of the blossoms measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches across, and there are new and fantastic colors that we have never before seen among Pansies. All colors and shades represented. Mixed colors. 10

Fancy Striped, Mixed—A strain made up of various colors, all elegantly and grotesquely striped and variegated. These Pansies will be greatly admired for their odd, beautiful and distinct stripes. 10

Fancy Margined Mixed—The large, fine blossoms of these are of various colors, white, blue, black, yellow, purple, etc., all with beautiful margins of white and gold bordering each flower. Unique and beautiful. 10

Scarlet and Red Mixed—This is a mixture of all the new colors in scarlet and red which have been recently introduced, such as Fiery Face, Cardinal, Fire King, etc. It runs largely to very bright colors. 10

Snow Queen—A perfect beauty, being a pure snow-white which always comes true from seed. A great bloomer. 5

Yellow Bird—Very large flowers pure bright yellow. 5

Silver Edged—Dark, rich velvety purple, with distinct white edge. Lovely for cutting and for funeral work. 5

Black Giant-Flowered—A new black Pansy of the largest size; a rich coal black; very fine and striking. 10

Ruby Red—A rich colored Pansy, and comes quite true from seed. Flowers large and of a dark ruby red, having a texture almost like velvet. 10

Adonis—Lovely light or sky blue. 5

Prince Henry—Darkest blue, very large. 10

Peacock—A Pansy of superb and varied colors, most of them showing that glorious and luminous bronze-red seen only in peacock feathers. It is a finely colored strain and cannot be too highly praised. 10

Above Collection of 14 pkts., for only 80c.

BENARIE'S NON PLUS ULTRA PANSIES.

This is selected and made up as the richest Pansy mixture ever sent out. The selected strains of Blotched and Masterpiece varieties predominate. It is the best. 25

GIANT TRIMARDEAU PANSIES.

Very showy class of vigorous compact growth and flowers of an enormous size. It is doubtful if any other pansy will give such great satisfaction as these.

Mixed Colors—A large range of shades. 10

Improved Mixed—Mostly with white ground and five blotched. Perfectly ideal. 20

Giant White, Purple Center—Enormous size and a most striking and beautiful color. 20

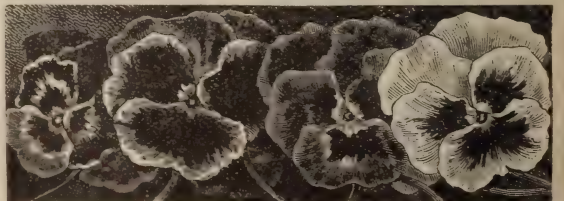
Giant Yellow, Black Center—Like above except in color. 15
One pkt. each of the 4 Giant Trimardeau for 40c.

GIANT STAINED AND SPOTTED PANSIES.

A glorious mixture of the largest, richest and best strains of Cassier, Odier and Bugnots, spotted, blotched and stained varieties in all colors mixed. 10

GIANT EXCELSIOR PANSIES.

It is impossible to convey an idea of the richness, the varied and exquisite coloring, the large size, perfect form and great substance of these Pansies. Plants are compact and bushy, and produce great quantities of flowers, borne well above the foliage on strong stems. Owing to their vigor this strain withstands the hot and dry weather better than any other variety, and produces its great, beautiful blossoms in profusion all summer. Over a hundred different shades and combinations of colors have been counted in one bed of this strain. 15





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NEW MASTERPIECE PANSIES.

One of the greatest novelties in Pansies, the border of every petal being conspicuously curled and fluted. The plants are exceedingly free flowering, vigorous, strong and hardy, and the numerous blossoms large and showy during the entire spring, summer and autumn.

Fine Mixed Colors—Rich colors and large sizes.....10 Per pkt.

Exhibition Mixed—Saved only from selected plants. The blooms will be glorious.....25

Vulcan—Dark red with fine large black spots. Superb...15
1 pkt. each of these 3 Masterpieces for 40c.



TUFTED PANSIES. (Violet Scented.)

This new type is a cross between the Pansy and the Violet, combining the ideal properties of each. The flowers are much larger than the Violet, more like Pansies, but with the delicious fragrance of the former. The habit of the plant is decidedly dwarf and compact, producing its flowers on long foot-stalks, and they appear continually from early spring until late fall. The range of colors runs through white, buff, canary, and azure blue; exceedingly delicate and charming. For borders and beds they are just superb, each plant showing from 50 to 100 blossoms all the time.

Mixed, All Colors—Extra fine..... The 10
Ardwell Gem—Beautiful primrose..... 5
Purple King—Rich violet..... 4 for 5
Snowdon—Snow white..... 15c. 6



Dwarf "Cupid" Sweet Peas.

This is a dwarf Sweet Pea, the plants growing only five inches high, yet spreading out and forming a solid mat of foliage and flowers one and one-half feet across. The blossoms are very sweet, of largest size and greatly abundant, with three flowers on each stem.

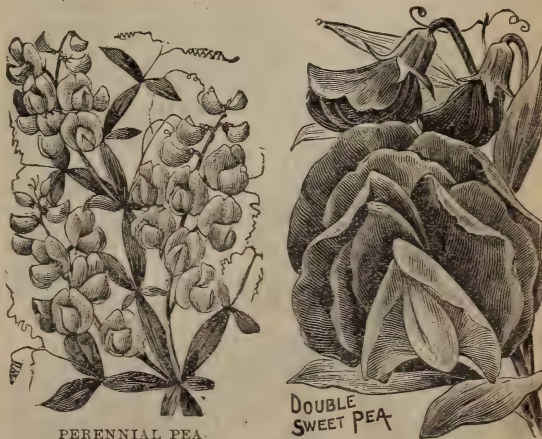
Mixed—8 sorts. Oz. 20c.....10 Per pkt.

Double Sweet Peas.

The new double sorts produce flowers nearly half of which will be double as shown by cut. Very beautiful and attractive. 10c. per pkt.; the 4 pkts. for 25c.

Double Pink, | **Double White,**
Double Scarlet, | **Double Black.**

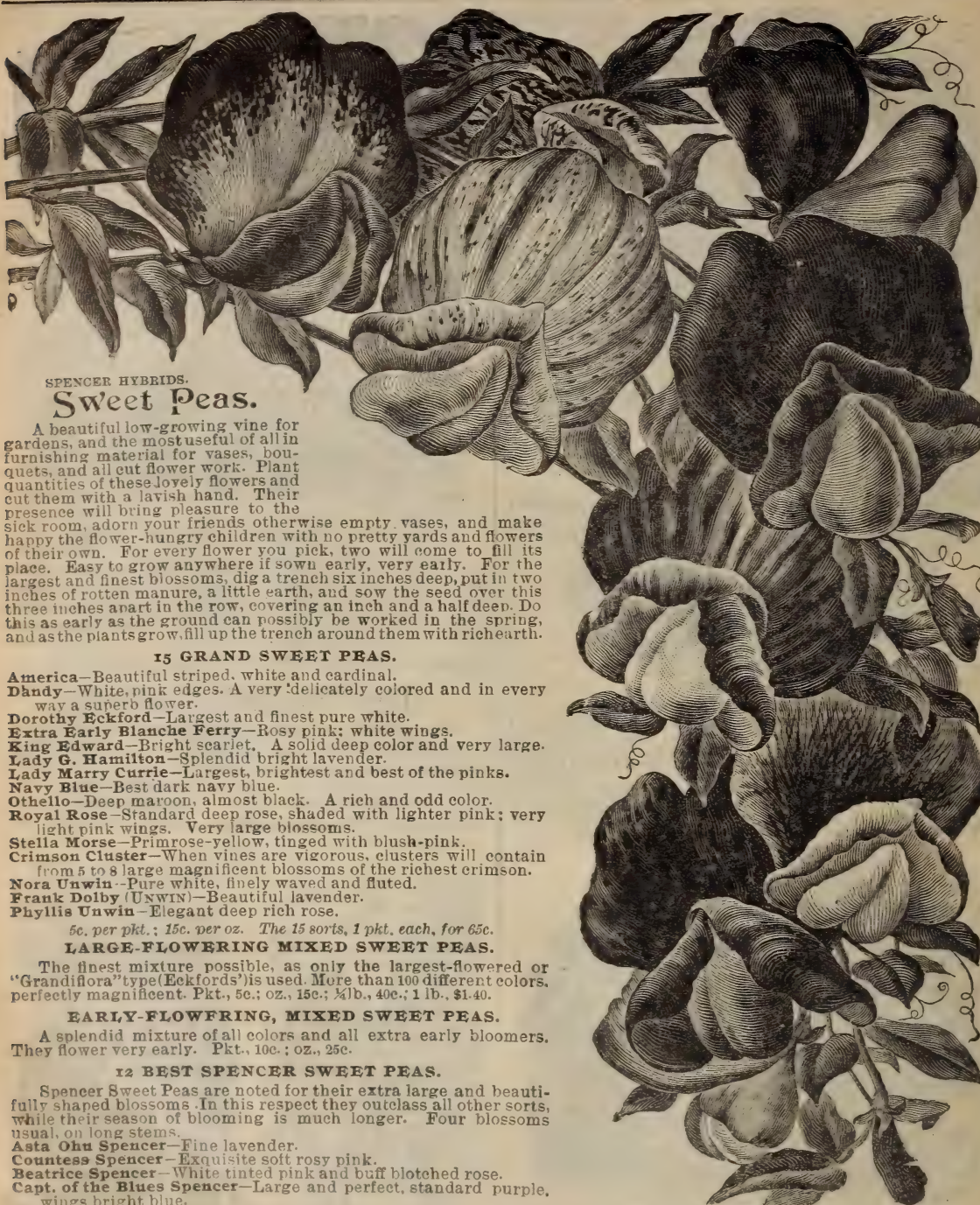
Double Mixed Sweet Peas—Several colors. Per pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.



Perennial Peas.

No praise can be too high for this lovely iron-clad vine, that blooms constantly from early summer until late autumn minding neither heat nor cold, rain nor drouth. Plants of vigor and healthfulness, bearing a profusion of long-stalked clustered flowers, white, pink and deep rose in color.

Mixed, All Colors..... 5
Pure White—Superb.....10



SPENCER HYBRIDS.
Sweet Peas.

A beautiful low-growing vine for gardens, and the most useful of all in furnishing material for vases, bouquets, and all out flower work. Plant quantities of these lovely flowers and cut them with a lavish hand. Their presence will bring pleasure to the sick room, adorn your friends otherwise empty vases, and make happy the flower-hungry children with no pretty yards and flowers of their own. For every flower you pick, two will come to fill its place. Easy to grow anywhere if sown early, very early. For the largest and finest blossoms, dig a trench six inches deep, put in two inches of rotten manure, a little earth, and sow the seed over this three inches apart in the row, covering an inch and a half deep. Do this as early as the ground can possibly be worked in the spring, and as the plants grow, fill up the trench around them with rich earth.

15 GRAND SWEET PEAS.

- America**—Beautiful striped, white and cardinal.
- Dandy**—White, pink edges. A very delicately colored and in every way a superb flower.
- Dorothy Eckford**—Largest and finest pure white.
- Extra Early Blanche Ferry**—Rosy pink; white wings.
- King Edward**—Bright scarlet. A solid deep color and very large.
- Lady G. Hamilton**—Splendid bright lavender.
- Lady Marry Currie**—Largest, brightest and best of the pinks.
- Navy Blue**—Best dark navy blue.
- Othello**—Deep maroon, almost black. A rich and odd color.
- Royal Rose**—Standard deep rose, shaded with lighter pink; very light pink wings. Very large blossoms.
- Stella Morse**—Primrose-yellow, tinged with blush-pink.
- Crimson Cluster**—When vines are vigorous, clusters will contain from 5 to 8 large magnificent blossoms of the richest crimson.
- Nora Unwin**—Pure white, finely waved and fluted.
- Frank Dolby (Unwin)**—Beautiful lavender.
- Phyllis Unwin**—Elegant deep rich rose.

5c. per pkt.; 15c. per oz. The 15 sorts, 1 pkt. each, for 65c.

LARGE-FLOWERING MIXED SWEET PEAS.

The finest mixture possible, as only the largest-flowered or "Grandiflora" type (Eckfords) is used. More than 100 different colors, perfectly magnificent. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., 40c.; 1 lb., \$1.40.

EARLY-FLOWERING, MIXED SWEET PEAS.

A splendid mixture of all colors and all extra early bloomers. They flower very early. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.

12 BEST SPENCER SWEET PEAS.

- Spencer Sweet Peas are noted for their extra large and beautifully shaped blossoms. In this respect they outclass all other sorts, while their season of blooming is much longer. Four blossoms usual, on long stems.
- Asta Ohu Spencer**—Fine lavender.
- Countess Spencer**—Exquisite soft rosy pink.
- Beatrice Spencer**—White tinted pink and buff blotched rose.
- Capt. of the Blues Spencer**—Large and perfect, standard purple, wings bright blue.
- Flora Norton Spencer**—Large wavy wings, lovely bright blue.
- Lovely Spencer**—A beautiful blending of pink and white.
- Mrs. Routzahde Spencer**—Soft straw color, tinted blush, pink and apricot, with a lovely rosy margin.
- Apple Blossom Spencer**—All that the name implies.
- Mrs. Sankey Spencer**—Finest snow white.
- Tennant Spencer**—Exquisite mauve.
- Helen Lewis Spencer**—Orange-rose wings and crimson standards, beautifully reflexed.
- Geo. Herbert Spencer**—Bright carmine, beautifully fluted.

10c. per pkt., the 12 for \$1.00. Per oz. 30c.

SUPERB SPENCER HYBRIDS MIXED.

This is the greatest Sweet Pea mixture ever offered. All new Spencer Hybrids, with the enormous blossoms 4 in a cluster on long graceful stems and of every color, tint and blend yet seen among Sweet Peas. Those who plant this mixture can feel sure they have the very finest Sweet Peas yet known. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.50.

Mrs. John B. Mitchell, Denver, Colo., says:
Enclosed is a marked copy of the "Denver Post" of August 10th, 1913, in which you will see that I received the highest number of points (95) and the 1st. prize of \$25.00. In the annual Sweet Pea contest, held in this city. The peas were grown from your seed.



Phlox Drummondii.

One of the very best of all bedding annuals is the Phlox Drummondii, surpassing almost everything else in dazzling brilliancy. We may well be proud of this distinctively American flower, for it is extremely beautiful, neat in growth, and an extraordinary bloomer. The newest sorts of Phlox are so far ahead of the older varieties that we have discarded all the latter, and now offer none but those beautiful new ones of recent introduction. The Phlox make beautiful ribbon beds when different colors are sown side by side, and also grand for masses of colors.

Grandiflora Mixed—Thirty different colors. Fine for large beds and masses. Per oz. \$1.00..... 5

Childs' Star—Large size and curiously pointed, fringed and toothed blossoms—utterly unlike anything else—colors of every conceivable shade, more than a hundred distinct tints, shades and combinations having been counted among them. No two same shade and color.....10

Hortensiflora—Flowers in large umbells like a Hydrangea. Semi-dwarf habit; very free blooming and more than a dozen fine colors mixed.....10

CHILD'S JUBILEE PHLOX.

Flowers of great substance, beautiful form and uncommon size, while the colors are extraordinarily rich and varied, glowing crimson, dazzling scarlet, deep rose, soft pink, pale blush, maroon-black, lavender-purple, pure white and numberless other shades, many with contrasting eyes, stripes or feathering. In habit these new Phlox are erect, and bear their velvety blossoms in great profusion, making them unrivalled for bedding. They are of dwarf, stout, branching habit, and the individual flowers are the size of a twenty-dollar gold coin. Grandest of all Phlox.

- Jubilee Alba**—Large; pure white.....10
- Coccinea**—Rich velvety scarlet.....10
- Atropurpurea**—Dark velvety crimson-black.....10
- Lutea**—Fine primrose yellow.....10
- Rosea**—Beautiful bright glowing rose.....10
- Stellata, Mixed**—Many fine colors, all with pure white eye. Very effective.....10
- Jubilee Striata, Mixed**—Many fine colors, all striped with white. Splendid.....10
- Jubilee Mixed, All Colors**—More than forty different shades and combinations of rich and brilliant colors.....10

One pkt. each of the above 8 for only 50c.

CICELY PHLOX.

A new very dwarf compact form of Phlox bearing extra large and showy blossoms. Plants come into bloom in a very few weeks after sowing the seed, and are very brilliant, carpeting the ground with waves of color. Many fine colors mixed, and the best of all the very dwarf Phlox.....10



PERENNIAL PHLOX.

New Hybrids—All colors mixed, perfectly magnificent. Sow in fall or very early in spring during freezing weather if possible, otherwise it may not grow.....10



Petunia.

This is a flower for everybody. Few high-priced and rare plants can begin to compare with the Petunia for beauty, and not half a dozen other flowers on our list are as showy in beds or masses. The smallest yard or the finest park is not complete without these butterflies among flowers, that mind neither heat, drouth nor rain, but bloom in profusion until winter is almost upon us. The seed is best started in the house, and the young plants transplanted to open ground one foot apart, but if the soil is made very fine, seed can be sown in the open ground and covered lightly.

Striped and Blotched—Fine mixed, very compact free flowering habit, and extremely showy. Many colors. 10
Starred, Mixed Colors—Superb colors, all with pure white centers, elegantly starred. 10
Crimson Queen—The new upright growing Petunia showing a great number of very large blossoms of a rich and exceedingly showy crimson purple color. It is a particularly fine and worthy novelty, and a Petunia of quite a new and distinct color. Free, healthy and luxuriant grower that will give satisfaction. 10



PETUNIA CRIMSON.

Undine—A new light-blue Petunia of incomparable beauty and luxuriance and therefore very valuable as pot plants as well as for the garden beds. The surpassing charm of this Petunia lies in the particular azure color which merges into the lilac margin and makes the plant apt for balconies and window-boxes as this color contrasts not only very well with white and light-gray painted walls, but also with yellow and red fronts. We have found it a most beautiful bedder. 10

Brilliant Beauty—Plants grow about one foot high, compact, branching and wonderfully free flowering. It shows a great variety of gay colors ranging from bright crimson and rose to white, striped, blotched, veined, etc. A most brilliant and beautiful bedder and splendid also for pots. 10

DWARF BOUQUET PETUNIAS.

Plants very hardy, robust and compact, producing their bright blossoms in such wonderful profusion that each plant looks like a perfect bouquet set in the ground.

Norma—Rich velvety blue, white center. 5
Snow Ball—Pure white, very fine. 5
Rosy Morn—Superb rose, white throat. 5
Crimson—Bright and showy. 5
Mixed Colors—Ten different kinds. 5

The 5 pkts., for 20c.

NEW GIANT-FLOWERED PETUNIAS.

A giant-flowered strain which originated in California. They are truly magnificent in every sense of the word, and show great improvements over the best European strains. Flowers all beautifully fringed and flimbriated, of extraordinary size, and great variety of exquisite colors.

Clematis-Flowered—Pure white like a great Clematis. 10
Giant Kermisina—Large, crimson-black. 10
Ring of Emerald—Large pink and crimson blossoms, deeply bordered with a green band. 10

The 3 for 25c.

Fringed Perfection—A highly perfected strain, the petals of which are deeply ruffled, and the ruffles in turn exquisitely fringed. A superb strain of the richest colors. 10
Giant-Flowered Single, Mixed Colors—Enormous single flowers of a good variety of superb colors and fancy markings. Exceedingly beautiful. 10
Ruffled Giant—Flowers of this new strain are exceedingly deep-throated, and very large. They are ruffled, fluted and fringed, striped, blotched, and of solid intense colors, with many combinations new in Petunias. It is a great strain which will surprise. 20



PETUNIA GIANT FLD. DOUBLE

DOUBLE GIANT-FLOWERED PETUNIAS.

This is the choicest double Petunia seed that the world can furnish, and we stake our reputation upon it. A larger per cent. will produce more double flowers than any other, and the flowers will be larger and better. Among double flowers of all kinds there are none to exceed the Petunia in exquisite soft pleasing colors, beauty of form and texture. They are almost as large as the biggest Dahlias and much more beautiful, and in pots will bloom all the year.

Giant-Flowered Double, Fringed, Mixed Colors—The largest and finest colored Double Petunias yet seen. Their size and beauty will be a revelation to all. 20

Double White—Fine, pure white flowers, very double. 20
Double Crimson—Intense crimson, large double. 20
Double Rosea—Pink and white, beautifully mottled. 20
Double Heliotrope—Beautiful heliotrope blue. 20

One packet each of the four colors for 50c.



Portulaca.

The Portulaca will stand more abuse than almost any other flower. It does not like deep shade, or wet, damp soil, but in any other situation they only ask the sowing; they will take care of themselves afterwards. The dryer the weather and hotter the sun, the more they flourish, carpeting the ground with their mat of succulent foliage that during the fore part of the day is almost hidden by clouds of gay blossoms in every color of the rainbow. Fine for bordering walks, rock work and bedding. Beautiful in ribbon beds, and they can be transplanted even in full bloom. Per pkt.

- Grandiflora Mixed Colors**—White, crimson, rose, scarlet, yellow, striped, etc. Very brilliant..... 5
- Double Rose Flowered, Mixed Colors**—Large blossoms, as double as Roses and the greatest variety of colors..... 10
- Double Yellow**—Fine brilliant color..... 10
- Double Scarlet**—Clear and bright..... 10
- Double White**—Pure and beautiful..... 10
- The 3 sorts for 20c.

Primula Sinensis.

Easy to grow, pretty in leaf, handsome in flower and continually in bloom for months at a time. These merits alone would earn a place in every window, but when we add that it is one of the plants never attacked by insects and that it will bloom in a sunless window, it is clear that the smallest collection would never be complete without it. Young, vigorous plants are always the best, and are easily grown if the seed is sown on light porous soil. Our seed is saved from the choicest strains and can be relied upon to produce the largest flowers and finest colors.

- Mixed**—Very good: from a fine collection..... 10
- Fimbriata Filicifolia**—Mixed (fern-leaved); beautiful cut-leaved foliage..... 15
- Fimbriata Globosa**—Mixed colors: A strain of Fimbriata with unusually large flowers of great substance, colors very clear and pleasing, such as pure white with large lemon eye, deep rose, carmine, steel blue, white, pink, striped and flaked. Extra fine..... 20
- Fimbriata, fl. pl., Double, Mixed Colors**—The double Primulas are among the choicest of all window plants, and the admiration of all who see them. The seed we offer is the choicest to be had, and will produce a large per cent. of magnificent double blossoms..... 25
- Obconicajor Monarch**—Mixed, double and single—These are the new large-flowering Obconica-Sinensis Hybrids of various colors, as large and fine as Primula Sinensis. Colors, pink, violet, blush, rose, lilac, white, etc. Very charming flowers, being borne in large trusses, at all times of the year in great profusion. They bloom very quickly from seed, and the large showy blossoms are borne constantly for a year, and when we realize that these flowers are as large as P. Sinensis, and almost as varied in colors, their great value is at once apparent. Plants very vigorous and as easily grown as a Geranium..... 10



Garden Pinks, Early Flowering.

We all remember the great bunches of spicy double pink Pinks that bloomed so sweetly in nearly every old garden. These new Pinks are the same, only they bloom the first summer from spring sown seed. The flowers also present an array of fine colors, ranging from white, through different shades of pink to crimson, some light ones with rich dark centers. Some will be double, others single, and it is hard to tell which are the most beautiful. All have that rich and beautiful fragrance so prized in the old Garden Pinks. Habit very dwarf and compact, one plant often showing a hundred blossoms. Not only do they bloom profusely in June but to a considerable extent all summer and fall. All colors mixed..... 10



Filifera Palm.

One of the best window Palms, needing no petting to succeed. Stands dust and dry air, and lack of sunshine, and is very ornamental with its elegantly fan-shaped leaves of a rich, dark, leathery green, picturesquely fringed with long thread-like filaments along the segments of the leaves. The plant is a compact grower well adapted to pot culture, succeeding in any situation and with any treatment that will keep a Geranium alive. (Seed only). 10





Poppies.

Universal garden favorites from the days of our grandmothers. There is nothing more grand than the silky blooms of the single Poppies, nodding at the apex of their long wiry stalks like so many tropical butterflies that a passing zephyr might waft from their airy perch. There is nothing more gorgeous than the double Poppies, bursting with fulness, glowing with color, and like great Peonies, or Snowballs in size. There are few flowers easier to grow. Do not wait for warm weather to sow your seed, but sow very early in the spring. Per pkt.

Improved Shirley—No better flower seed novelty has been offered than this new strain of Shirley Poppy. Habit of the plant dwarf and stout; blossoms of enormous size, and of the most charming colors to be found in any flowers. No display can surpass a bed of these Poppies. A great improvement over ordinary Shirleys. 10

Childs' Great Peony-Flowered—Plants attain a height of three feet or more, and bear many flowers of most brilliant colors. Large and double like fine Peonies. 5

Peacock—Dazzling fiery scarlet flowers with vivid black centers, and borne on long wiry stems. 5

Snowdrift—As pure as the driven snow, large, double and full, yet soft and loose like a great ball of snow. 10

Rosebud—Dainty flowers like silken rosettes, cupped like Roses. The coloring is wonderful. Intense scarlet, crimson, pink, white, blush, mottled, fringed etc. 5

(One packet each of the 5 for 25c.)

NEW ICELAND POPPIES.

Here is a new strain of Iceland or Nudicaule Poppies, hardy perennials that flower well the first season and for years afterwards. They are most beautiful and graceful, the bright, large blossoms being borne on tall, wire-like stems well above a beautiful crown of fern-like foliage. The colors are exceedingly bright and novel; lemon yellow, orange, salmon, white, scarlet, etc. They bloom all the season through.

Single Mixed—Fine large sizes. 5
Double—Very effective. 10

NEW PERENNIAL POPPY.

If there is a more gorgeous flower anywhere than the Perennial Poppy we fail to know it. The most indifferent observer stands spellbound in the presence of its magnificent fire-like scarlet flowers with their silky texture and foil-like heart of innumerable purple-black stamens. Each bloom is as large as a saucer, and sits perched like a bird on the end of a swaying, hairy, slender stem, high above the deeply-incised and handsome foliage. Many consider it the most showy flower that blooms. A grand plant to light up dark corners and dull shrubbery.

Mixed Hybrids—Many fine colors in shades of scarlet and orange. Often bloom first season. 10



PAEONY-FLOWERED POPPY.

Platycodon Mariessi Tom Thumb.

A perfect gem of a hardy perennial plant, which blooms first year from seed. The plant makes a pretty little tuft of foliage close to the ground, and from its crown sends up slender stems to the height of 5 to 10 inches, bearing VERY LARGE, wide open saucer-shaped blossoms which are perfectly exquisite. Most of the plants produce flowers of a deep, rich blue color, but some will be pure white, tinted blue. Seed may be sown in pots early or in the open ground. In either case plants will bloom quickly. 10



ALL POPPIES MIXED.

Poppies grow so rapidly and flower so quickly that they may be planted anywhere for a showy mass or for cutting. A large packet of more than 50 sorts. 10



Ten Weeks Stocks.

To our mind we do not catalogue a finer flower than the Ten Weeks Stocks. It has every merit of a perfect flower—a compact habit, many and long spikes of closely-set, large, double flowers, each as double as a rose, waxy of texture, exceedingly sweet, and varying in colors from snow-white to dark maroon-brown, and through all intermediate shades of red, blue and yellow. It is a grand bedder, and a fine pot plant, blooming the winter through. This plant requires rich, mellow soil, and must never be allowed to suffer for water. It is worse than useless to plant inferior seed of this flower. Our seed is extra fine. Per pkt.

Early Ten Weeks —12 of the finest colors mixed.....	10
“ “ “ —Pure white, very sweet.....	5
“ “ “ —Rich crimson.....	5
“ “ “ —Clear blue.....	5
“ “ “ —Yellow, new and fine.....	5

Dwarf German—Mixed colors. An extra fine strain of large-flowering Stocks.....10

New Large Flowering Pyramidal—One of the finest of all. Immense spikes of grand flowers, in almost rainbow colors. We have counted twenty-three different shades in a single bed of these flowers.....10

Giant Perfection—One of the finest for the open ground, growing to the height of 2½ feet; flowers also of immense size. Many beautiful colors mixed.....20

Abundance—Flowers of extraordinary size, very full, double, and perfect and borne in such wonderful abundance as to make the plant look like a large exquisite bouquet. Few other Stocks so fine as this. Deep crimson pink.....19

Abundance Blanca—Pure snow white.....10

Abundance Monte Carlo—Large double yellow.....10

NEW PERPETUAL BRANCHING STOCKS.

Perpetual Branching—(Recent Novelty)—This new Ten Weeks Stock has proved to be a fine variety. It blooms very quickly from seed, the plants being stout, branching and compact, with numerous flower spikes of very large size. The individual flowers are large, very double, and perfect in form. For pots it is greatly superior to any other variety, and as a pot plant it is



PERPETUAL BRANCHING.

just superb, flowering for a long period, and at any time of the year, according to time of sowing. Another great point in its favor is the fact that only a very small per cent. of the plants raised from seed will be single, nearly all producing magnificent double flowers. Per pkt.

Perp. Branching, Rich Crimson —Deep rich crimson.....	10
“ “ Brilliant Rose —Very handsome.....	10
“ “ Snow White —Perfectly elegant.....	10
“ “ Above three colors for 20c.	
“ “ All Colors Mixed	15



New Multiflora Roses.

Roses from Seed, Blooming in 60 Days.

With seed of these Roses, plants may be had in bloom in 60 to 90 days from the time of sowing. Plant at any time. They grow quickly and flowers appear in large clusters, and in such quantity that a plant looks like a bouquet. Perfectly hardy in the garden, where they bloom all summer. In pots they bloom both summer and winter. From a packet of seed one will get Roses of various colors—white, pink, crimson, etc., no two alike, and mostly perfectly double and very sweet.

Rose Polyantha Multiflora Hybrids—All colors mixed. Choiceest seed, 15c. per pkt.; 2 pkts. for 25c.



Salpiglossis, New Emperor.

This entirely new and magnificent Salpiglossis has of a sudden gained a world wide reputation. One cannot wonder at this when we see the magnificent large blossoms borne in such graceful tall panicles, to say nothing of the rich and varied coloring. For rich and charming penciling, no flower can excel it. Its velvety texture, with deeply sunken veins, penciled and shaded with the richest tracings on a groundwork of the most pleasing colors. It stands the sun well, and makes one of the showiest beds we have ever seen. Sow early in open ground. Mixed many colors.....10



Sweet William. (Perennial.)

The favorite flower of our grandmothers. One of the best edging plants for the border, bearing in early summer large heads of the richest and most varied colors. Very fragrant and a favorite with everyone for vases and bouquets. Improved Mixed Colors—Perfect in form, large in size, brilliant and varied in colors..... 5
Double Mixed Colors—Fine double blossoms.....10

Smilax. (House.)

Not only a fine window vine, but exceedingly fine for outdoors. In the open ground it grows luxuriantly, furnishing great quantities of its dainty, glossy-green sprays that are exquisite for bouquets. In the house it requires good light and freedom from dust. Its feathery little blooms are delicately fragrant..... 5



Scabiosa.

This is one of the very best bouquet flowers of our entire list, and is also fine for masses or clumps in the flower garden. Each plant bears a profusion of beautiful flowers, rich, velvety, glowing, and unlike any other flower, while the long wiry stems fit them for use in bouquets and vases. Mixed Colors—(MOURNING BRIDE)..... 5
Double Mixed Colors—Dwarf habit, fine colors..... 5
Snow Ball—Large, perfectly double, white as snow.....10

Shoo-Fly Plant. (House.)

(Physolodes physolodes). It is said that flies will not stay in a room where it is grown if they can conveniently escape, and our test shows such to be the case, though what there is about it that repulses them is not clear, as the plant or flower has no odor. Aside from this most remarkable quality it is a beautiful flowering plant, and blooms in a short time (60 days) from seed. It is particularly valuable as a winter bloomer, the blossoms being large, cup-shaped and of a lovely light blue color, with a white center. It is a profuse bloomer in pots both summer and winter. In the garden it grows too rank and weedy to be any value, but as a pot plant it is fine. Seed.....10



Stokesia or Cornflower Aster. (Perennial.)

A lovely hardy perennial and a free bloomer all summer. Plants grow 18 to 25 inches high and begin blooming early. The blossoms are Aster-like, and very handsome. Grows well in any situation, and is immensely popular.

Blue—Lovely..... 5
White—New and fine.....10





**SALVIA
SPLENDENS
COMPACTA.**

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Salvia.

The Salvia is a standard bedding plant. It stands heat and drought remarkably well, and its colors are very showy and intense. Seed is best started under glass, though self-sown seed frequently comes up in great numbers where a bed of these plants has been the year previous. Cuttings are easily rooted and make fine winter-blooming plants.

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| Splendens Compacta —Fine dwarf habit, very free flowering and of intense brilliancy..... | Per pkt. 10 |
| Splendens Rose —A beautiful new pink sort..... | 10 |
| Silver Spot —Brilliant scarlet, foliage spotted yellow..... | 10 |
| Childs' Anniversary —It is so dwarf and compact, and its flowers so large and numerous that it is the most brilliant bedding or pot plant yet known. Unlike other Salvias it flowers all summer long, from May until frost, making a carpet or mass of the brightest color yet seen. As a pot plant it is a solid bouquet of bloom all the fall, winter and spring. One of the finest flower seed novelties we have ever had..... | 15 |

One pkt. each of the 4 sorts for 35c.



Thunbergia. (Climber.)

A lovely trailing plant with large showy flowers. It will trail over the ground, forming a dense mat of foliage and flowers. Colors range through all shades of yellow, orange, buff, to pure white, mostly with jet black centers, or eyes, which are very effective. Sometimes called "Black-eyed Susan." Also a superb pot plant and one that will bloom freely during winter. All colors mixed.....

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Ricinus Zanzibarensis.

There are several varieties of this superb new Ricinus, all of which are characterized by extra large and handsome leaves, compact, branching growth forming a perfect pyramid of elegant foliage. The seeds are very large, and each kind of different colors. All beautifully marked and mottled. Nothing produces a more tropical effect than the Ricinus Zanzibarensis.....

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**SCHIZANTHUS
WISETONENSIS.**

Schizanthus (Mock Orchid.)

Like Beautiful Orchids. Foliage like Fern fronds.

This exquisite new Fern-leaved annual has proved to be most elegant, novel and beautiful. Plants grow freely and the flowers appear in immense panicles and resemble some species of Orchids. The colors are beyond description. Each flower looks like a beautiful butterfly with spreading wings of delicate, varied and fantastic colors. Plants dwarf, compact and solid pyramids of bloom, and best of all easily grown from seed, commencing to bloom in about two months from the time of sowing. As pot plants for window culture during winter, they are in bloom for several months and are as easily raised as a weed, either in pots for winter or in the garden for the summer display. There are colors without end in white, crimson, violet, rose, pinks, mottled, blended and deep velvety shades that glow with richness.

Wisetonensis Hybrids—Dwarf compact, long and profuse bloomer, chiefly light colors. 10c. per pkt.; 3 pkts., 25c.



RICINUS ZANZIBARENSIS.



Verbenas.

Like the Pansy, the Aster and the Petunia, the Verbena is a favorite with everybody, and one of the most universally popular of all flowers, both for the garden and for pot culture. For constant and profuse flowering, and for brilliancy and beauty of colors it has no equal. Start seed early under glass, if possible, that good strong plants may be had for transplanting in the garden. They will commence blooming in June and continue until after severe frosts. In August cuttings may be taken from some of the best ones and potted up for winter blooming.

Per pkt.

Extra Choice Mixed—From named collection.....10

Childs' Prize, Mixed Colors—Hundreds of delicate shades. Enormous sized flowers; prodigious bloomers. The plants are vigorous and short-jointed with perfect sheets of blooms. The trusses are very large, the flowers of mammoth size, perfect form and embracing the richest and most velvety colors. They are also delicately sweet scented. In coloring they are perfectly exquisite, there being very little of the common old blues and purple colors among them. In their place we have delicate blushes, pinks, lavenders, velvety indigos, intense scarlets, whites, mottled, striped, variegated, etc., in fact a thousand different colors and combinations.....20

Childs' Prize, Pure White—Comes true from seed. Great trusses of snowy blossoms of exquisite fragrance.....15

Childs' Prize, Scarlet—A very intense scarlet15

Moss—This produces a mass of fine moss-like foliage and as the branches spread out over the ground in all directions, a lovely carpet of mossy green is formed, above which are borne the delicate clusters of purple-blue or pure white blossoms in the widest profusion, having the same delicate fragrance as the Sweet Alyssum, Mixed.....5

Mayflower—Varies from light to deep pink, like the Arbutus, with the same unexcelled fragrance. Perfect form and great beauty. A lovely pot or garden flower for all times of the year. It is named Mayflower because the shape of its blossoms, its color, and fragrance are almost identical with the wide-famed and cherished Trailing Arbutus. The flowers are rich and powerful in fragrance, the most beautiful Verbena ever introduced.....10



Violets.

A fine collection of many fine varieties and colors—blue, lavender, white. Many of the finest scented varieties are included. Spring sown seed make fine plants for fall blooming. **Cornuta, Mixed Colors**—These bloom almost as quickly from seed as Pansies. Are hardy and free flowering....10
Odorata—The lovely sweet garden Violets, so fine for winter blooming. Mixed colors.....10
Odorata, Queen Charlotte—Large dark blue.....10
Odorata, The Czar—Extra fine; large pure white.....10
Papilio—A cross between the Pansy and Violet. Flowers large, and borne in endless profusion. Lovely violet-lilac.....10



Vinca.

Lovely garden or pot plants, producing a profusion of bright blossoms at all times. Seeds started early in pots make lovely blooming plants by early summer which will continue in growth and bloom for a year. As bedding plants for the garden they rival the Geranium. Their soft and delicate colors and profuse blooming habit make them at all times attractive. Do not omit them. Mixed colors....10

Wallflower.

Early Mixed—Flowers early the first season from seed, blooming in profusion from early June until late autumn frosts without injury. The blossoms are large size and borne in compact, short spikes or clusters, and are exceedingly sweet-scented. The plants are not injured by fall frosts and bloom until December; are also hardy and bloom well the second year. Colors range from yellow to dark brown, striped, etc.....5
Double Mixed Colors—A favorite English flower, somewhat like Ten Weeks Stocks. Very fragrant and fine for cutting.....10

Yucca Filamentosa.

The grandest evergreen plant we have for the lawn. The stately clumps of stiff, bayonet-like leaves, bristling out from the center in every direction, are extremely ornamental, but in midsummer they take on an added glory. Thick, woody flower-stalks are thrown up, growing as high as a man's head, and bear at their summit immense compound panicles of creamy, bell-shaped flowers, each floret two inches across. A single panicle will contain 300 or more florets, and will be two feet in length.....5



Double Zinnia.

This Zinnia is a robust, free grower, furnishing an abundance of large, double blossoms which are varied and brilliant colors, during the entire summer and fall. Each flower keeps perfect for six weeks before fading, and each plant is a great mass of bloom all the time, making a showing which is peculiar. Nothing else can fill their place. Seed should be started inside or sown in the garden about corn planting time.

Childs' Improved, Mixed Colors—Saved only from select flowers, perfect in shape and color. The finest strain of Zinnias in cultivation. Every plant will produce immense double blossoms of various colors from white to deep crimson, maroon, pink, yellow, orange, scarlet, violet, primrose, buff, striped, etc. Every plant will give fine double flowers.....10

Improved Striped—A good strain representing all the leading colors, but all striped. Really the finest strain of striped or Zebra Zinnias in cultivation.....10

New Miniature, Mixed—A perfectly wonderful plant growing only 4 to 6 inches high and bearing great numbers of double blossoms of various colors. It is so dwarf and compact that a plant looks like a tasty bouquet set in the ground, the mingling of bright blossoms and foliage being very effective.....5

Fire Ball—Dwarf habit, double blossoms of intense scarlet, as round and perfect as a ball. It makes a fine border or mass, its bright color and perfect habit showing to great advantage.....10

Snow Ball—Exactly like Fire Ball, except color, which is snow white and makes a charming contrast.....10

Lilliput, Mixed Colors—This strain is the acme of perfection in Zinnias. Plants small and of bushy growth, each one bearing scores of beautiful blossoms, of the most perfect shape and brilliant colors. These charming little Zinnias are gems indeed.....5

SPECIAL OFFER.

To encourage the free use of our Improved Zinnias, we will send one packet each of the six here offered for only 40c.

J. Hopwood, Winnipeg, Man., Canada, says: "The Sweet Peas I got from you last year were the finest seen around here. The blooms were very large, and they grew to a height of nine feet."

Mrs. Helen Dornity, West Chazy, N. Y., says: "I took first premium at the Pittsburg Fair on Stock you sent me last year."

Mrs. G. W. Dutton, Sioux City, Iowa, says: "I have the most glorious bed of your Jubilee Phlox. People wonder what they are. Your Gladiolus too make my lawn resplendent. I wish I could afford to have them all."

W. Haley, Newland, England, says: "I am pleased to say I received seeds and plants quite safely. The packing was good, better than our English firms pack plants."

Donald C. Junner, Tookeray, Victoria, Australia, says: "The bulbs came to hand with the last mail in very good order. The Gladiolus being first class. The seeds that came last winter turned out well. The Sweet Peas being easily best value I have ever received in this line."

New Giant Zinnias

Two very fine new forms of Zinnia came to us last year from Europe. Both showed up remarkably well in our trial beds. The Giant Double is certainly a very large and fine flower, while the Jacqueminot possesses the richest color yet seen in Zinnias.

Jacqueminot—Beautiful double flower of the same rich velvety crimson color of the well known Jacqueminot Rose. This is a real acquisition and adds much to the value and beauty of Zinnias.....10

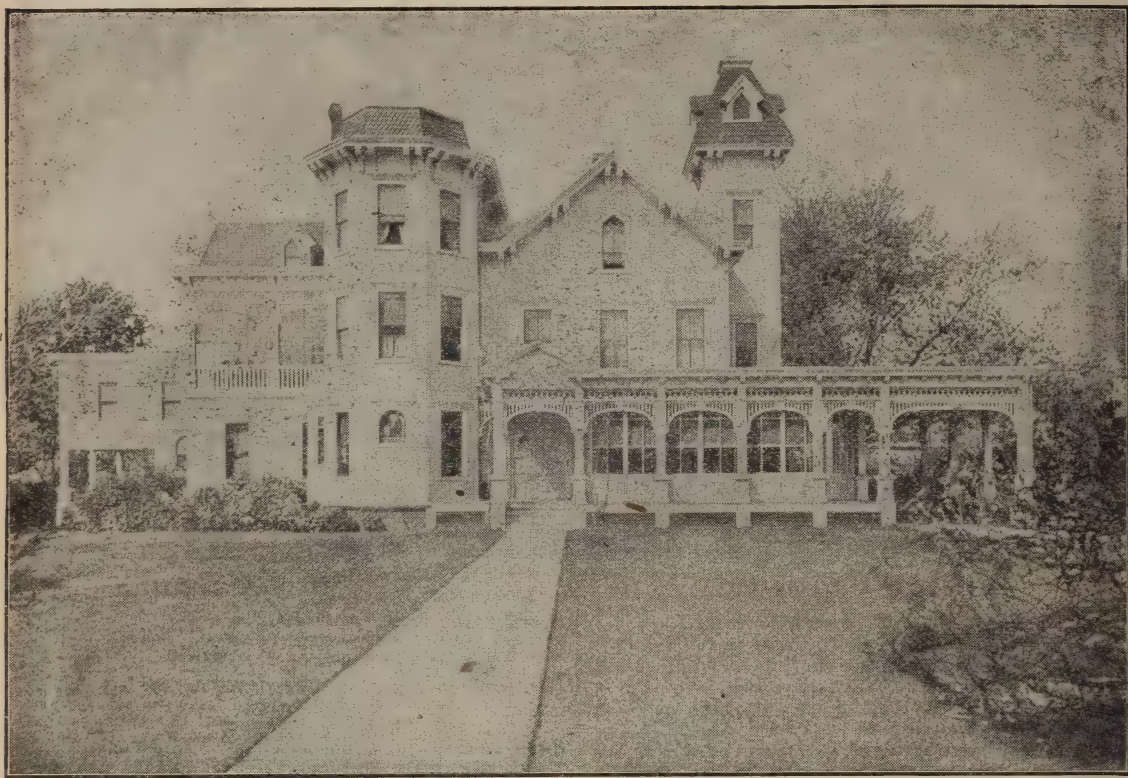
Giant Double—Enormous blossoms opening flat like a Chinese Chrysanthemum. Flowers very much larger than any other Zinnia and quite distinct in shape. There are several fine colors including pure white, lemon, orange, crimson, scarlet, rose, etc. Sure to give great satisfaction. Mixed colors.....15

Giant White—True and pure. Extra fine.....10

Giant Crimson—Very showy.....10

Giant Yellow—Varying in shades.....10





This is a photograph of the residence of John Lewis Childs, at Floral Park, N. Y.

The house is surrounded by eight acres of lawn, which for more than 20 years has exhibited the superb quality of Childs' Floral Park Lawn Grass Seed. This lawn is one of the showiest near New York City.

FLORAL PARK LAWN GRASS---QUICK GROWING.

Not even fine trees and beautiful flowers add as much beauty to the home surroundings as does a fine, velvety lawn. To secure a fine, close, even sward, it is absolutely necessary to use proper grasses. Good, deep, rich color and turfy, compact habit, stooling out well from the bottom, and they must be able to stand the sun as well, and a considerable amount of drouth, without injury. We have a mixture of grasses that meet all these requirements. We use it at Floral Park, where it has been much admired. We have sold it in every State and Territory in the United States, and it has given entire satisfaction in every location. It grows quickly, making a fine green sward in a few weeks. A whole season's drouth will not kill out this grass. It may dry and burn as brown as possible, yet the first good rain will immediately bring it up green and velvety.

Pint, 20c.; quart, 35c.; peck, \$2.00; per bushel, \$5 00, prepaid.

For finest Lawn Shrubbery and Roses see pages 124 to 128.

For finest bedding Cannas, the showiest of all Lawn plants, see pages 89, 90, 91.

Our Perennial Phloxes, Golden Glow and other Hardy Perennials are fine Lawn plants.

The showiest Annuals for the Lawn are our Giant Summer Cosmos, Wool Flower, Celosia Castle Gould, Nasturtiums, Giant Portulacca, Asters, Zinnias, etc.

For bedding plants, Geraniums, Coleus Salvias, Verbenas.

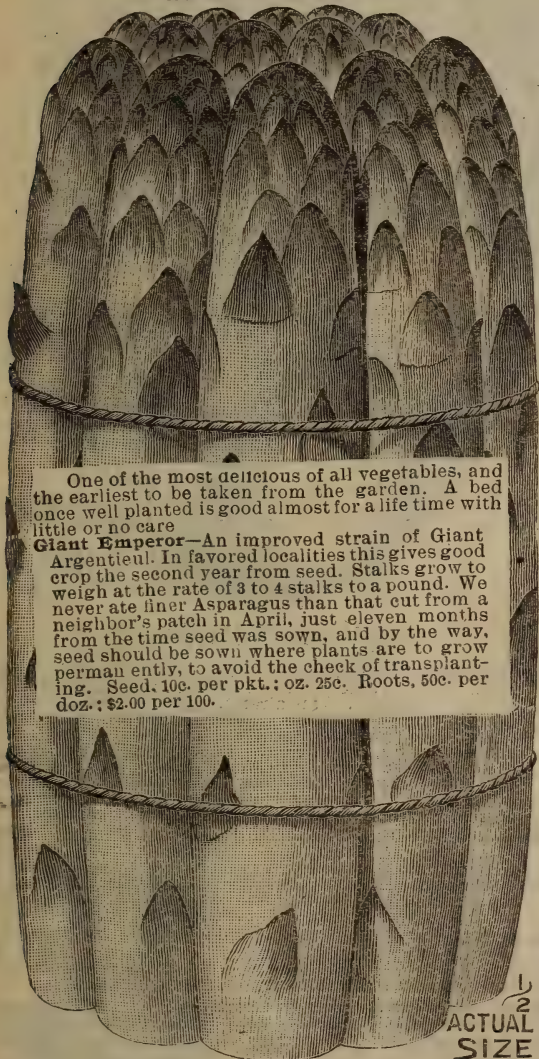
Our 10c. book, "BEAUTIFUL HOME SURROUNDINGS," tells all about Lawns and what to plant.

VEGETABLE SEEDS.

What we say about our Flower Seeds on page 17, may be said about our Vegetable Seeds. We grow and offer but a limited number of varieties, only those which possess the greatest value for the home garden and the markets. These varieties are also special stock, cultivated, selected and improved until they have reached the highest mark of perfection which it is possible to attain.

Beets and Turnips, round, smooth, uniform, tender; Cabbage, large, solid, crisp, sure-heading and long-keeping; Tomatoes, large, smooth, uniform, perfect in color, shape and quality; Lettuce, crisp, beautiful, and delicious; Corn, rich, sugary, tender and perfect; Melons, of high flavor, quick and robust growth, perfect and luscious; Onions, uniform in size, perfect in shape, delicate in taste; Squashes, early and late, of high quality; Radishes, crisp, mild, perfect in shape and color, and of quick growth. These are all points which we have brought to perfection in our prize strains of Garden Vegetables. Our thousands of customers in every nook and corner of the country know this, and to them we refer those who have never used our Seeds. They can be found everywhere, for we supply half a million planters direct, which is more than the combined output of any other two houses in the world, and is in itself the best possible endorsement of the high quality of our Seeds.

Asparagus.



One of the most delicious of all vegetables, and the earliest to be taken from the garden. A bed once well planted is good almost for a life time with little or no care

Giant Emperor—An improved strain of Giant Argenteuil. In favored localities this gives good crop the second year from seed. Stalks grow to weigh at the rate of 3 to 4 stalks to a pound. We never ate finer Asparagus than that cut from a neighbor's patch in April, just eleven months from the time seed was sown, and by the way, seed should be sown where plants are to grow permanently, to avoid the check of transplanting. Seed, 10c. per pkt.; oz. 25c. Roots, 50c. per doz.; \$2.00 per 100.

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Palmetto or Mammoth—Differs but little from Barrs and is the best standard sort for either market or the home garden. Seed, pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c. Strong roots, \$1.00 per 100; \$5.00 per 1000.

Bean Bush Lima. (Large Seeded)

This grows 18 to 20 inches high, of stout growth, erect, branching vigorously into a fine circular bush three or four feet in diameter. Its yield is wonderful, each bush producing 50 to 200 large pods, well filled with beans of great size, and of the true, rich, flavor. Splendid for gardens when it is not convenient to use pots. Pkt., 10c.; pint 25c.; quart 45c.

Brussels Sprouts.

Next to the Cauliflower, Brussels Sprouts are the most delicious of all the Cabbage family.

Defiance—A finely bred, large and tender strain of this delicious vegetable. Stems tall and covered with tender little heads or "sprouts" from the top to bottom. Quality very fine when cooked and served like Cabbage. This splendid vegetable should be more generally grown. All who have tried it prefer it to Cabbage. It is easily grown and those who try it always grow it. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Matchless—A variety of vigorous growth and fine, solid sprouts of the very best quality. An extra fine sort which is highly prized in Europe. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb. \$1.50.

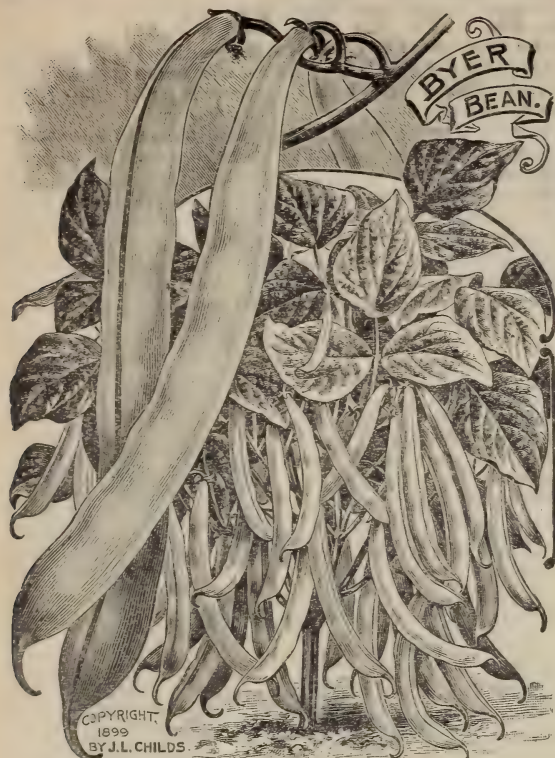


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BUSH LIMA

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Bush Bean.

One of the most delicious of all vegetables, and one that may be had in great abundance all the season. Sow successively every two or three weeks from early May to end of July. Those sown latest, and which mature in September, October or November, will be the best. String beans are better in autumn than at any other time.

Stringless Green Pod—The acme of perfection in a green podded Bean that is absolutely stringless, and pods very thick and meaty. Keeps in perfect condition a long time before hardening. Quality unsurpassed. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

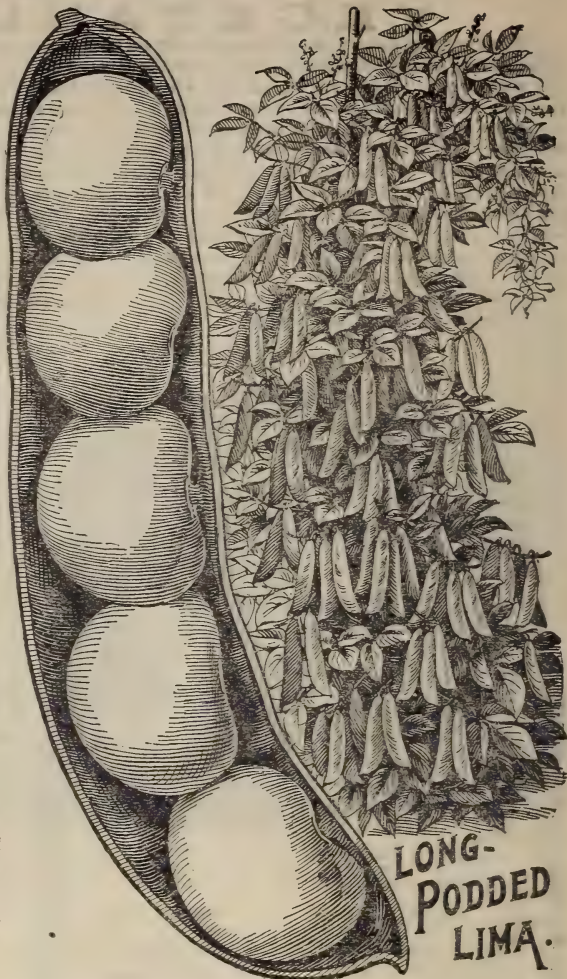
New Early Golden-Eyed Wax—Ten days earlier than any other Golden Wax, and, moreover, is absolutely rust proof. An immense bearer, and pods tender and crisp. A superb market sort because of its beautiful color and uniformity. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Extra Early Refugee—The earliest strain of Refugee by ten days. One of the most profitable Beans ever grown. Loaded with pods in any season, and of a fine quality. Grown by all market gardeners, who are always quick to pick up a good thing and to stick to it after they once see it. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Byer Bush Bean.

This out-ranks any other Bush or Snap Bean so far introduced. In quality it is the best, and in productiveness it will more than double any other variety. The Michigan Agricultural Station, where this Bean was tested, says of it in their Bulletin No. 153, issued in February, 1898: "The Byer Bean.—Plants of healthy vigorous growth, very branching and productive. The pods are five to six inches long, round, nearly straight, green in color, very brittle and fine in quality. The plants are very productive, and have a long season of bearing. It is a valuable sort for the home garden or market." The Bulletin then goes on to give the comparative test. This table shows that some plants of the Byer Bean produced 271 pods, weighing 47 ounces. The variety which approached next to it was Stringless Green Pod, with 121 pods, 20½ ounces. From that the number ranges down to 15 pods, 2½ ounces, in Union White Valentine. This shows the Byer is more than twice as productive as the best of the twelve other varieties tested. We do not think we need to say any more in recommendation of it. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

M. CUSTER, SPENCER, W. Va., says: "Last year I purchased from you one peck of Byer Beans, and I wish you could have seen how they bore. They did two-thirds better than other bush Beans. They begin bearing almost as early as any other, and long after other bush Beans had quit bearing and the stalks had dried up, we were still picking from the Byer. I would rather have it than any other Bean."



Pole Beans.

Long Podded Lima—The acme of perfection in a pole Lima Bean, and one that is at least one-half more prolific than any other variety. It is a rank, vigorous grower, bearing under any condition a much larger crop than any other. Each pod contains five or six beans while others contain only three or four. This alone makes a 25 per cent. larger crop, while the increased number of pods brings the average yield up to nearly double that of any other Lima. Its quality is also superior. It is certainly a great acquisition. Pkt., 15c.; pint, 35c.; quart, 60c.

Mammoth Podded Lima, (KING OF THE GARDEN)—The Limas have a distinct, rich, buttery flavor, very different from all other sorts, and are much liked by most people either to use green or dry. As Shell Beans, boil until tender, pour off the water and season with butter and salt and a little cream. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 55c.

Lazy Wife's—The old standby. Never fails to produce loads of round, thick-fleshed pods, fine for soups and last long in perfect condition. Fine as a Shell Bean and of superior quality. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Kentucky Wonder, (OLD HOMESTEAD)—Very prolific, long, green-podded, stringless snap-bean. Pods round and very crisp; most deliciously flavored, and very meaty. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

The Harlequin Bean.

Harlequin is a Pole Bean, a Hybrid Horticultural or Cranberry, of rank healthy growth, enormous yield, the pods being both numerous and very long, and containing 6 to 10 beans of large size and beautifully variegated colors. The pods are also very light green to cream and brilliantly striped and variegated with intense crimson. It is not only the most beautiful, but the finest richest flavored bean grown, not excepting the Lima. Per pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., for 25c.; pint, 50c.



Beet.

The sweet, tender roots of Beets are very fine for summer, fall and winter use, while the tops are very useful for greens. Vinegar in which beets have been pickled is often used to pickle hard-boiled eggs, as it gives them a beautiful color and pleasing flavor. When young and tender, Beets are most delicious if boiled or steamed until tender, then sliced or chopped into small pieces and seasoned with butter, etc.

Edmand's Blood Turnip—This is winning golden opinions everywhere. Smooth, round shaped, exceedingly sweet and tender, and never coarse, tough or stringy. Very early, remains in good condition for a long time. An extra fine market sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.25.

Eclipse—A very early Beet of beautiful dark, rich color and smooth, round shape. Quality of the best. Our strain is pure. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.25.

Detroit Early Dark Red Turnip—This is claimed to be perfection itself. Early, smooth, uniform, quick growth small tops, tender and darkest red color. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.15.

Improved Early Blood Turnip—Very fine quality, and an old popular sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.15.

Early Egyptian Dark Turnip—Another fine standard sort; very early, high flavored, sweet and good. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.25.

Improved Long Smooth Red—Long, handsome roots of fine quality. A great cropper and keeper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

Bastian's Blood Turnip—An early, quick-growing sort highly esteemed by all market gardeners, as it is large, deep red in color, and very tender and rich when cooked, never losing its fine color. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.

Lane's White Sugar—This is the well-known "Sugar Beet" so largely planted for sugar. Sweetest of all. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Mangel Wurzel Beets.

These giant Beets are grown mainly for stock feeding, and they produce enormous crops. The two following are best, and by far the most productive—in short all that can be desired.

Mammoth Long Red—This grows to weigh 20 to 30 pounds and is calculated to produce upwards of 50,000 pounds of roots to the acre. Animals are very fond of it, and the roots are very nutritious. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.; 5 or 10 lb., lots by express prepaid, at 50c. per lb.

Golden Tankard—A new yellow sort, very sweet and tender. Large oval roots, much easier to pull than the long mangels. A heavy cropper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.; 5 or 10 lb., lots by express prepaid, 50c. per lb.



GOLDEN TANKARD.

Grimson Globe Beet.

This is perhaps the perfection of a table Beet for family use. In all essential points it is really unsurpassed. Root of medium size, very handsome globe-shaped, and has a remarkable smooth surface. Both the skin and flesh are deep, rich red, fine grained, sweet and tender in all stages of growth. Small tap root; leaves small, dark-green. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.30.



ASPARAGUS BEET.

The Asparagus Beet.

A wonderful new vegetable which was recently offered for the first time, after a careful test which has thoroughly demonstrated its value. The leaves are large, light green, finely curled and crinkled, and are used for greens for which we find them most excellent. But the great value of the plant is its large, fleshy mid-rib of the leaves, which are cut and cooked like Asparagus, and are *extra fine*. As a substitute for Asparagus nothing could be better, and it may be cut and used all summer. A most valuable new vegetable. Fit for use two or three months from seed. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.50.

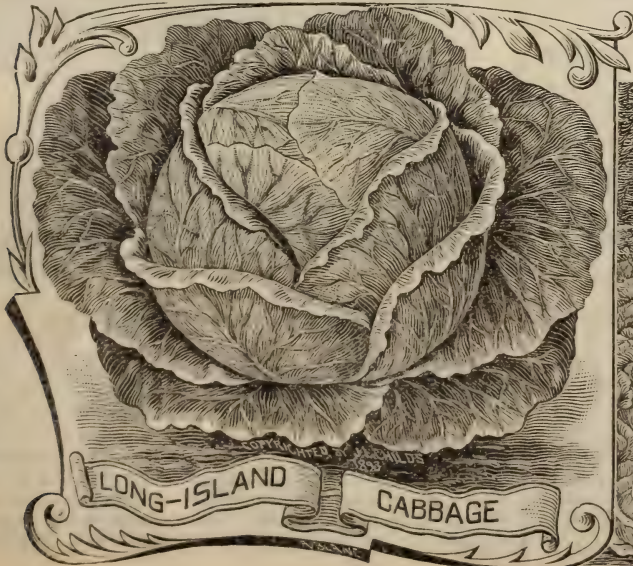


Cabbage.

There is no garden vegetable grown that success or failure so plainly depends upon the quality of seeds sown. Poor seed of Cabbage is poor at any price. Our seed is all raised on Long Island, where the finest Cabbages in the world are grown. We could buy common Cabbage seed for very much less, but we know our customers would rather pay a little more and get seed they can rely upon. Three things are necessary to raise fine Cabbage—extra good seed, rich mellow soil and thorough cultivation.

Copenhagen Market—Absolutely the earliest and the very best round headed early Cabbage for summer; short stemmed, compact with broad leaves and perfect heads of about 10 lbs. in weight. Remarkably uniform in size and maturing. The most remarkable new Cabbage in 20 years. Pkt., 15c.; oz., 40c.

Volga—This is, without exception, the nearest approach to perfection of any variety. Heads uniformly solid. In this respect it is a wonder, as the heads are of about equal size and shape, weighing from 12 to 15 pounds each. In one field of three acres there was not a single plant thrown out, or showed, in any respect, any variation from a true and valuable type. Unlike most types the heads are perfectly solid and the stem does not run into the head nearly as far as in other types, and the flesh is exceedingly firm, tender and white, making it a most desirable form for kroust, as well as for all other purposes. The most severe winter known in this section did not inflict the slightest injury on the Volga, not a leaf was lost, while all other kinds suffered terribly. This type is remarkable for its quick-growing habit. We have noticed particularly this sort and find that it will mature its heads fully two weeks earlier than any of our late growing kinds. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$3.00.





Early Long Island Wakefield—A standard variety, early and of fine quality. By all odds the best and most profitable early sort to grow in any part of the country. Our strain is perfect. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$3.00.

Winningstadt—This is a German variety: very distinct with large pointed heads, solid and closely packed. Very fine quality and popular. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

True Surehead—Very certain to head, however hot and dry the weather. The heads are large, round and flat, and very hard and firm of texture, fine grained and most excellent quality. It is also a remarkably good shipper and keeper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$3.00.

All Seasons—As the name would indicate, good for all seasons—early, medium or late. A sure header and long keeper; quality very fine. It is a remarkably good new sort. Head large and solid, round with flat top, finest quality, and ready for marketing almost as early as the standard early sorts. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.50.

Long Island—A new early sort of great value, and one which can be grown for early, medium and late crops, either at the North or South. It is very early, of large size, uniform, and a sure header; it does not burn or blister, but retains its lustrous, fresh green color even after being shipped to distant markets; hence its great selling qualities. By those who have grown it, it is said to be the most valuable Cabbage in cultivation either North or South. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$3.00.

Danish—A remarkably fine Cabbage from Denmark having qualities that are lacking in any standard American variety. Heads medium size, uniform, round, remarkably solid. It is a fine shipper. For late Cabbage for winter use it has no superior, being of good size for family use and of extra good quality: crisp and tender; better than any Cabbage can possibly be with a less solid head. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$3.00.

Excelsior Large Flat Dutch—This is a fine strain of Flat Dutch, always a standard sort, particularly in the South and Southwest, as it heads well in hot weather. Quality good and size large. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb. \$2.00.

Red Dutch—The most popular pickling Cabbage. Large deep red. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$2.00.

World Beater—A new Cabbage, as large or larger than Marblehead Mammoth, yet uniform in size, true to type, and a very solid header. No doubt it is the very best mammoth Cabbage to be had. Originated on Long Island. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$3.00.

M. T. JUFFERS, Elkton, Md., says: "I bought some Volga Cabbage seed of you last year. They are certainly the finest Cabbage I ever grew. They are all that you claim for them and more. I grew them to weigh from 14 to 15 lbs. apiece, and another great advantage they are worm proof. That is a big item here with us for we have lots of bother with Cabbage worms. I never had to put anything on them to keep them off. They are a slow header, a good keeper, and a good seller and always bring a good price."

Perfection Savoy—Large solid heads of the Drumhead type with very deep, rich green color; heads of exceptional beauty and uniformly perfect. As to quality it is simply superb. Crisp, delicate, tender, rich and delicious beyond description. Either for market or family use it is the pearl among Savoyes. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$3.00.

GEO. W. NICHOLS, Dixon, Wyo., says: "Your Volga Cabbage is a World Beater, just the sort for high altitudes."

MR. B. S. STRUVY, Towanda, Pa., says: "I have raised the Volga Cabbage and think it very good. Last season I had some that weighed 14 lb., apiece."

S. L. DEGRAVELLE, Patterson, La., says: "I have raised such a fine lot of Cabbage from the Volga seed I got from you that I cannot help writing and telling about it. They are the finest Cabbage I ever saw grown in this part of the country, and I will never plant any other. As a header they can't be excelled."

Our Frost-Proof Cabbage Plants.

There are a number of sea islands along the South Carolina sea coast where the soil and climatic conditions are just suited for growing tough, hardy cabbage plants during the Winter and early Spring. The seed is planted in the open field in the months of October, November, December, January and February. The plants make a slow but steady growth, until at eight to ten weeks of age they are very tough and hardy. When in this condition they can be shipped to territory further north and planted in the open ground a month to six weeks sooner than the home-grown hot bed or cold frame plants could be planted. These FROST PROOF CABBAGE PLANTS will stand a temperature of 8 to 10 degrees above zero without injury, the land freezing, or the plants being covered with ice, sleet or snow after they are planted will not injure them.

The top of the plant does not grow until regular Spring weather opens up, but the roots grow from the time they are planted, and just as soon as Spring weather starts, the established root growth assimilates the fertilizer in the soil, the plants grow very fast maturing headed cabbage ten days to three weeks sooner than you can mature them from hot bed and cold frame plants.

To get the advantage of these Frost-Proof Cabbage Plants they must be planted a month or six week earlier than you would plant home-grown plants.

Our cabbage plants are grown from the best Long Island grown seed and are shipped direct from our growing station in South Carolina by mail or express. We can fill orders from December first to April fifteenth. We guarantee good order delivery.

The plants will be somewhat wilted and have a hard, stunted appearance, which will be disappointing to persons who have never used these plants before. Regardless of appearance, they will produce the crop results.

Varieties:—Early Jersey Wakefield, Charleston Large Type Wakefield, Succession and Early Flat Dutch.

Price by Mail postpaid: 100 for 40c.; 500 for \$1.50; 1000 for \$2.50. Price by Express not postpaid: \$1.50 per 1000; 10,000 for \$12.50.

Plants packed 500, 1,000 or 2,000 to the crate, and weigh about 25 pounds per 1,000 plants crated for shipment, and can be shipped to any point where they will arrive within a week.

Pop Corn.

Did you ever see a youngster that did not enjoy popping corn, and watching the hard kernels burst suddenly out into balls of white, light as a feather, and deliciously crisp and toothsome? Give every boy and girl a row of Pop Corn for his or her own. Then with nuts and apples, games to play and corn to pop our little folks will pass the long winter evenings with mirth and happiness at home. The following sorts are mostly new and of greatly improved quality.

California Golden—Beautiful little ears with pointed grains that pop out large, and snowy-white. Pkt., 5c.; pint, 40c.

Black Beauty—This is a new Pop Corn of wonderful merit, popping exceedingly large, pure white, flaky and very tender. The grain is a rich, blue-black color, good-size, long ear and very early. It is the finest Pop Corn we ever tried. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.

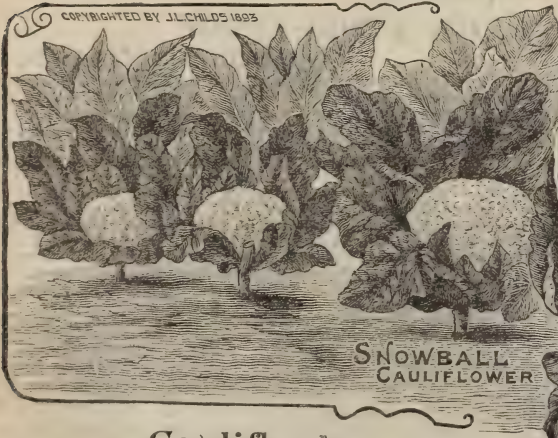
Maple Dale Prolific—This is a Pop Corn for profit. The stalks bear the almost incredible number of 8

POP CORN
BLACK BEAUTY.

to 10 ears to each stalk, while the quality is very fine. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.

Golden Tom Thumb—This Pop Corn grows only 18 inches high, and dainty little ears are only two inches long, with smooth, golden-yellow kernels in regular rows. This little toy corn is not only very pretty, but it pops beautifully white and large, and is very crisp and tender. Grows quickly and ripens early. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

One pkt., each of the 4 for 25c.



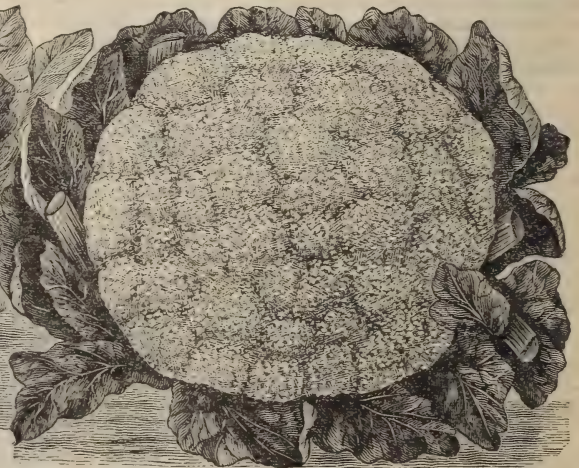
Cauliflower.

The most luscious of all the Cabbage family. Requires high cultivation and rich soil. Cook by steaming until tender, then dress with drawn butter and serve hot. It is one of the most delicious of all vegetables.

Snowball—One of the very best varieties for early culture. Dwarf, compact grower, with large heads of snowy whiteness and delicious flavor. This is a sure header, very early, but valuable for late as well as for early Cauliflowers, the perfection of all the Dwarf Early Erfurt Strains. Pkt., 15c.; oz., \$2.50; lb., \$30.

American Beauty—A fine early Cauliflower, especially adapted to American soil and climate, and it is an American strain and American grown seed. Heads early, size large, quality the best. Pkt., 10c.; oz., \$2.25.

Autumn Giant—Extra large and fine. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 50c.
Danish Large Early—Very early, very large, very firm and extra fine in every respect; the latest improved Cauliflower, and by all odds the best. Pkt., 20c.; ¼ oz., \$1.00; oz., \$5.75.





Sweet Corn.

Every family garden ought to have a selection of Sweet Corn, from the earliest to the latest varieties. Fine for drying, as well as for summer table use.

Triple Eared—A superb early Corn of the Country Gentleman type which we have grown and selected for many years and believe we now have it where it will bear three fine, perfect ears to each stalk. Only close planting, poor soil or poor cultivation will prevent this. For delicious quality, handsome appearance and enormous yield it is certainly great. There are 16 to 26 rows to the cob. Kernels deep, rich and succulent. A grand Corn for the home or market. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.

Ruby—A superb new Sweet Corn that is a rich ruby red when dry. In a green state however it is pearly white. It is very early and probably the largest and finest early sort, as the ears equal in size the Evergreen; large, handsome and of extra fine quality. In size it is really remarkable for an early sort, and our word for it, it will prove most highly satisfactory. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.

Golden Cream—This is a hybrid between the County Gentleman and Golden Bantam, combining the superior qualities of both, and is the finest-flavored corn grown. Golden Bantam is famous for its high quality, but the ears are small and the kernels short. Country Gentleman is also famous for its high quality (of which Western Queen is an improved variety) with larger ears and narrow, deep kernels. In Golden Cream we have the two combined. Medium ears, rich cream color, deeper and narrower kernels, and the quality far superior to either Golden Bantam or Country Gentleman. It is the one glorious good corn for family use. It is very early, almost up to Honey Dew in this respect, and it does not harden as quickly as Country Gentleman. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 90c.



Childs' Honey Dew—For years seedmen have been working to get a corn as early as the Cory with large ear, white cob and superb qualities of the later varieties. We at last have it. Childs' Honey Dew is not only the earliest, but has a good sized ear, white cob and large pearly kernels of the very finest quality, tender, sweet, and nutritious. It also keeps in good condition a long time before hardening, and runs perfectly uniform, each ear exactly alike. It grows to medium height and the ears are formed low and two to three on each stalk. Mr. Willard, the extensive seed corn grower, Wethersfield, Conn., says: "It is the finest Early Corn." It is the most profitable corn to plant, combining as it does good size and color, luscious quality, handsome appearance and long keeping, and earliest to mature. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c. Postpaid; peck, \$1.25 by Express Collect.



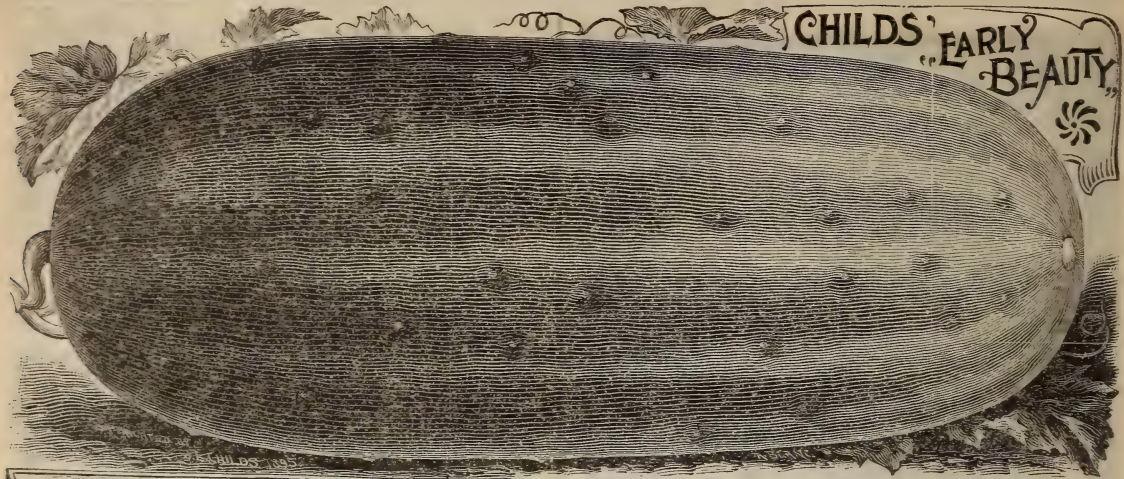
GOLDEN BANTAM.

Golden Bantam—This variety is very early, sweet and luscious. It is very hardy, which permits of early planting. The stalks average about 4 feet in height; the ears are eight-rowed, 5 to 7 inches in length; the grain is a rich golden yellow and unrivalled in quality. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c. Postpaid; peck, \$1.50 by Express Collect.

Early Crosby—Standard sort deservedly prized by thousands of planters as one of the sweetest of varieties. The kernels are very closely set. The government reports that this strain is superior to any variety of sweet corn grown for canning purposes. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.

Evergreen—The standard late sort and probably the all-around best Sweet Corn grown. It has magnificent large ears, deep kernels, small cob, and possesses the finest flavor, being tender and juicy. A favorite with everybody, and must have a place in every garden. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c. Postpaid; peck, \$1.25 by Express Collect.

Mammoth—Immense ears of superb quality; very late. Can scarcely be omitted from a first-class garden. Per pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c. Postpaid.



Cucumber.

Do not try to grow Cucumbers in poorly prepared ground. Make low, flat hills from 4 to 6 feet apart, each hill two or three feet across, and thoroughly pulverized sixteen to eighteen inches deep. Mix a large shovelful of rotten manure in the soil of each hill, and plant from six to eight seed in each, as some are apt to fail. If bugs appear, dust with slug shot or with lime and soot. Allow no fruit to ripen on vines. For pickles and late Cucumbers, seed can be sown as late as July.

Childs' Early Beauty—A most remarkable and valuable early Cucumber of recent introduction. It is a sport from Early Siberian and has that variety's great value as a cropper. It is as early as Extra Early Russian, though twice as large as that variety, and keeps its lively green color to a very late state of growth and will supplant all other early sorts, such as Siberian, Russian, Green Prolific, Thorburn's Everbearing etc., for it is not only earlier, but larger and much finer in every respect. It is even so fine that it has been called Early white Spine, though it has no relation to that superb late variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.



Bennett's White Spine—(PRIVATE STOCK)—Our seed from this is saved from one of the finest stocks on Long Island, and Long Island leads the world on choice garden vegetables. These Cucumbers grow seven to ten inches long, uniformly plump and full to the very ends, a glossy dark green in color. A superior quality in every respect. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

Early Green Cluster—A prolific variety, with crisp, brittle fruit. A fine pickling variety. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

Gherkin—Small, thick, oval fruit, very prickly, crisp and tender. Used only for pickling. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.20.

Green Prolific Pickling—Standard pickling variety, with slender dark green fruit, very crisp. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

Thorburn's Everbearing—Claimed to even excel the Early Russian in its everbearing character, producing fruit in immense quantities, whether fruit is allowed to ripen on the vine or not. Fine for table or for pickles. Cucumbers short and thick. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

Improved Early Russian—One of the most valuable, especially in the South. It is so very dwarf hills need be only three feet apart, yet it is one of the most prolific varieties of all, bearing its short plump fruits in clusters, and if not allowed to ripen seed will bear from June until October, and that in hot, dry weather that crisps nearly every other variety, root and branches. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

Improved Long Green—A well known standard variety, about twelve inches in length, of most excellent quality, and when young makes the best pickles. When ripe it is the best of any for sweet pickles. Vines vigorous and very productive. Our strain of this valuable sort is unsurpassed by any. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

Davis Perfect—This is almost seedless, and most important of all, it does not lose its dark, rich color when grown outdoors, and resembles a hot-house cucumber so much that dealers cannot tell the difference and are willing to pay as high prices for it as for the product of the hot-house. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.50.

Japanese Climbing—This Cucumber is such a strong and vigorous grower that the vines attain twice the length of ordinary varieties. The vine climbs readily and they may be grown on fences, poles or trellis thus saving much valuable space in small gardens. When picked freely, a vine will continue bearing during the entire season, and one hill will keep a good sized family supplied all summer. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.



Cress.—(Peppergrass.)

Extra Curled—An appetizing relish, of fresh, piquant taste, often added to lettuce and other fresh salads for variety. Splendid for canaries, who are very partial to it, and keep healthier for its use. Very easy to grow, and can be sown in any little nook or vacant spot. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Water Cress—Grown in moist, wet places, or at the edge of running streams. Increases rapidly, is very hardy, and as it is of an evergreen nature can be used all winter. A salad bowl heaped full of this Cress, of dark green leaves, is a pretty sight in January. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 35c.

Upland—A perennial Water Cress for garden culture, ready for use in earliest spring. Pkt., 10c.



Cucumber, Childs' Ivory Monarch.

An ivory-white Cucumber, growing nearly two feet in length, and weighing five or six pounds. Six times larger than any other sort. It is really a monster, and when half-grown exceedingly fine in quality. Its enormous size, great beauty and oddity make it one of the finest vegetables for exhibition at fairs, and never fails to capture first prize. Its flesh is thick and solid, with very small seed cavity, and notwithstanding its size, it has fewer seed than any other Cucumber we ever saw. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Everlasting Cucumber—Keeps All Winter.

A new variety of the very finest quality that will keep for months, even far into the winter, without decaying or changing color. In short, it may be picked from the vines in the open ground in the fall and sold in the market in a fine condition during December and January, when good Cucumbers bring enormous prices. It is of the White Spine type, of good size, uniform, perfect shape and rich, dark green color, which seems to hold forever. Quality the best of any Cucumbers we have tested. Vine strong and vigorous, a rapid grower and early bearer. Resists bugs, drouth and disease to a remarkable degree. In short, outside of its wonderful keeping qualities, it is the finest all-around Cucumber we have ever known, but of course its great value and novelty is in its long keeping qualities. With it one may have delicious Cucumbers in winter from summer or fall growing. Stock has been so limited that it first sold for 25c. for 6 seeds. We have a good supply this year and can offer it at 15c. per pkt.; 3 pkts., for 30c.; oz., 50c.; lb., \$5.00.

A. B. BORST, Cobleskill, N. Y., says:—"I desire to add a testimonial to your wonderful cucumber known as the 'everlasting.' It certainly is very correctly named and is as beautiful, and prolific and palatable as it is lasting. I made an exhibition of them at our County Fair last September and won the first premium in strong competition. We served them later for our Christmas dinner."

JAY HILTS, Breakabeen, N. Y., says:—"Your Everlasting Cucumber is all that you claim for it."

W. G. TURNER, Elyria, Ohio, says:—"I have at present (Jan. 20th) in my cellar an Everlasting Cucumber 10 inches in length, 9 1/4 in circumference, taken from the vine on the 12th day of August, which I defy anyone to tell from a perfect cucumber from the vine; as yet it shows no signs of rot, and is as perfectly natural in color as when it came from the vines. I shall keep it as long as I can and will let you know when it starts to decay. My cellar has a steady temperature of about 40 degrees."

EDWARD COUSINS, Tillsonburg, Ont., says:—"The Everlasting Cucumber is all right. We pulled off a medium sized fruit Oct. 1st., kept it on a shelf in the pantry all winter and it was good and sound in March. Two local papers have published an account of it."

MRS. E. P. FORD, Austin, Ill., says:—"My sister who lives on a farm in Mich., writes that the Everlasting is the most wonderful Cucumber she ever saw. They bear so heavily and keep in winter just as you say."

C. B. BECK, Robstown, Texas, says:—"Immediately after I planted Everlasting Cucumber seed a drouth set in and lasted 42 days, the strong dry Texas winds intensified the dryness, but the Cucumbers lived through it all, without a drop of water and produced a fairly good lot of fine Cucumbers. I saved one of the Cucumbers four months in good condition with no special care. The vines as well as the Cucumbers are truly everlasting."





GOLDEN SELF-BLANCHING.

Celery.

A vegetable at once healthful, toothsome and beautiful. Said by physicians to be of great benefit in all diseases of the nerves and kidneys. Deliciously fresh, crisp and nutty to the taste, and the broad stalks, ivory white, waxy yellow or rose red, tipped with finely composed leaflets of pale, glaucous green are ornamental to the finest tables. Sow in hotbed and transplant, or sow outdoors when the ground becomes warm. When plants are four or five inches high transplant, giving six inches between plants in the row. Have the soil very firm and rich, plant in trenches, and as the plants grow draw the earth closely around them, to blanch the stems or, better yet, bleach them between boards. Never do this in wet weather, or the stems will rust. South of the Ohio, Celery can remain in the ground all winter with a little protection. In the North plants should be taken up and stacked closely together, with soil firmed around the roots, and kept in the cellar or a pit for use.

Winter Queen—Grows thick, solid and heavy stalks and large heart. A close, compact grower and when blanched is creamy white. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.50.

Golden Self-Blanching—Fine to follow White Plume. An exceedingly fine flavored sort; blanches easily to a beautiful golden yellow, and is very brittle and crisp. No garden complete without it. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.; lb., \$5.00.

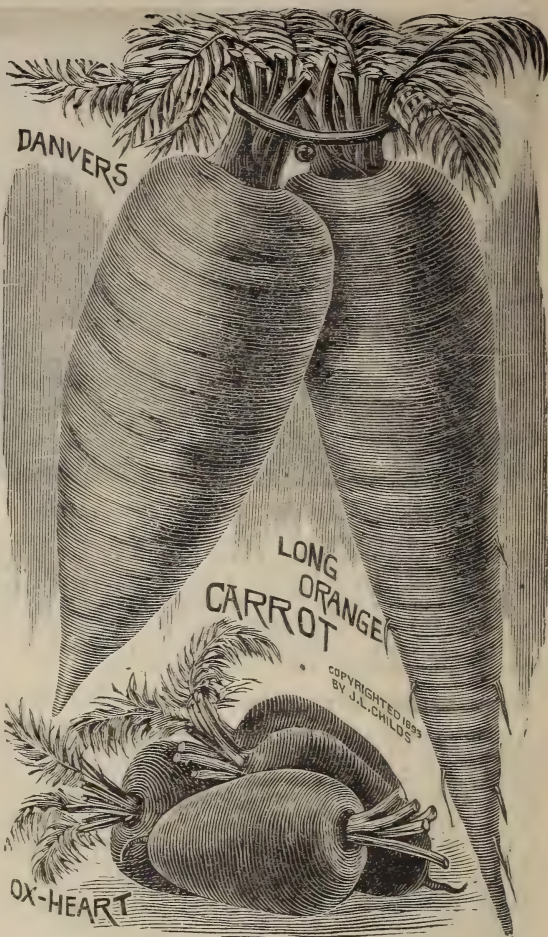
White Plume—One of the most beautiful of all, and the earliest. Brittle, fine grained and the easiest known sort to blanch. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.; lb., \$4.00.

New Rose—A fine rose-colored Celery of high flavor, crisp, and nutty. Much liked. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.



Giant Pascal—A sport from the Golden Self-Blanching, of immense size, broad, thick, stringless stalks, remarkably crisp and nutty, early to blanch, and the very best keeper of any Celery. The huge stalks of this kind will "snap" like glass, they are so tender, and they never are watery or strong. Fine market sort, and one of the very best for the home garden. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$2.50.

Boston Market—One of the best old standard sorts. Always gives satisfaction. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.



Carrot.

The Carrot crop is a large and valuable one among root vegetables. We aim to supply the very highest grade of seed.

Danvers—(PRIVATE STOCK)—The true strain. No better to be found anywhere. All gardeners know the importance of securing the best seed to grow really fine crops. This can be relied upon as the best seed to be obtained at any price. It will yield 20 tons per acre. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.20.

Improved Long Orange—Heavy copper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.10.

Oxheart—An early table sort; small and short but fine grained and tender. Can be forced or sown in the garden for early use. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

New Long Yellow Stump-Rooted—This new Carrot produces long, tapering roots which are well stumped or round at the base. They are of the most excellent quality for the table; Very productive. The distinct yellow coloring is a novelty. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

Chantenay—A half-long Carrot, medium early, bright orange, large shoulders and stump-rooted. Quite extensively grown for market. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

Earliest—This remarkable New Carrot is like a radish in regard to quick growth and delicious flavor. People like it raw like a radish as well as cooked. It is fit for the table in a very few weeks after sowing the seed, and its quick growth, great beauty and delicate quality will be a revelation to all. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$1.50.

Celeriac Perfection

An improved Turnip-rooted Celery of superb quality. It is the finest thing ever grown for soups, giving a flavor which Celery itself cannot furnish. When boiled and sliced like Turnips and served with butter and salt it makes a most delicious dish. Per pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$2.50.

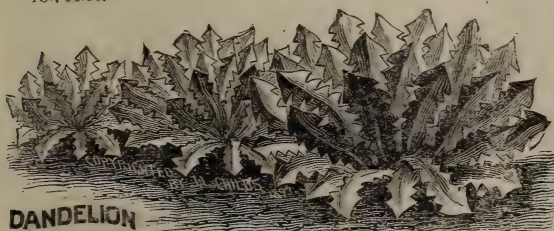




ENDIVE.

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Green Curled—Well known in fashionable restaurants under the name of Chicoree and particularly fine served with Lettuce and French dressing. Sow seed from middle of June to end of August. When wanted for use blanch the inside leaves by tying the outer leaves together over the heart, and the plants will be ready for use in about one week after. Never tie up when the leaves are wet, as it induces decay. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.



DANDELION

New Dandelion.

Nothing makes finer greens than the well known Dandelion, except the new Improved Wonderberry, or Sunberry. The variety of Dandelion here offered is the best.

Improved Large Leaved—The old "greens" of our grandmothers, now improved to large, thrifty plants with wide, long leaves of superior quality. These make a very healthful, nutritious and pleasant food, that can be used very early in the season. This new strain is the largest, finest and quickest growing variety yet known. It is a splendid vegetable which should be found in every garden. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 50c.

Sweet or Pot Herbs.

Indispensable to the cook, useful in the sick room, and many kinds fine for perfuming clothing, etc.

	Pkt.	Oz.
Anise—For flavoring.....	5	10
Balm—Very fragrant leaves; medicinal.....	5	10
Caraway—Seed extensively used for flavoring.....	5	10
Coriander—Used for flavoring cakes, etc.....	5	10
Catnip—Well known and useful.....	5	20
Dill—Used to impart a pleasant flavor to pickles.....	5	10
Hoarhound—Used for curing coughs and colds.....	5	10
Lavender—Fragrant leaves used to scent clothing.....	5	40
Sage—Most useful of all; needed in every garden.....	5	20
Sweet Marjoram—Pot herb.....	5	15
Sweet Fennel.....	5	20
Tansy—For medicinal use.....	5	30
Thyme.....	5	40
Savory, Summer—Fine for flavoring, dressing, etc.....	5	15
Rosemary—Aromatic and medicinal. Very fragrant; also a moth preventive.....	10	50
Wormwood—A splendid plant for poultry.....	5	20

One packet each of the above sixteen fine sorts, 50c.

Mammoth Sage.

A plant of this new Sage will yield more than a dozen of the common sort. The leaves are enormous size and superior quality, and the plant a compact, rank grower, covering a space of more than three feet in diameter, rarely flowers and never runs to seed, and can be picked all the season. It is perfectly hardy in the coldest climate. Every person who has use for Sage should plant this variety. Pkt., 10c.



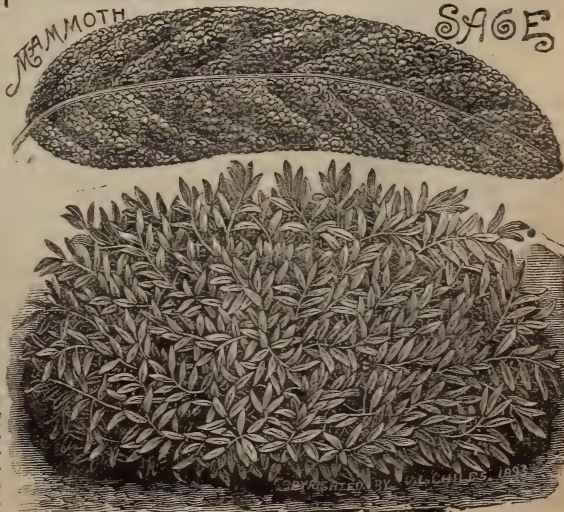
EGG-PLANT
NEW YORK
IMPROVED

Egg Plant.

New York Improved—Very popular in all the city markets. This is the easiest, finest and largest variety grown, and is a fine sort for either market or private garden. Start seed in hotbed and transplant to warm, rich mellow soil. The fruit is very handsome, large, smooth and round, and of a rich, shining purple-black color, and is borne until frost. Cook by cutting into half or quarter-inch slices, and, after paring, dip them into salted water for an hour; then dip in beaten eggs and cracker crumbs and fry in fat until golden brown. It has a meaty flavor much liked by everybody. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.; lb., \$3.50.

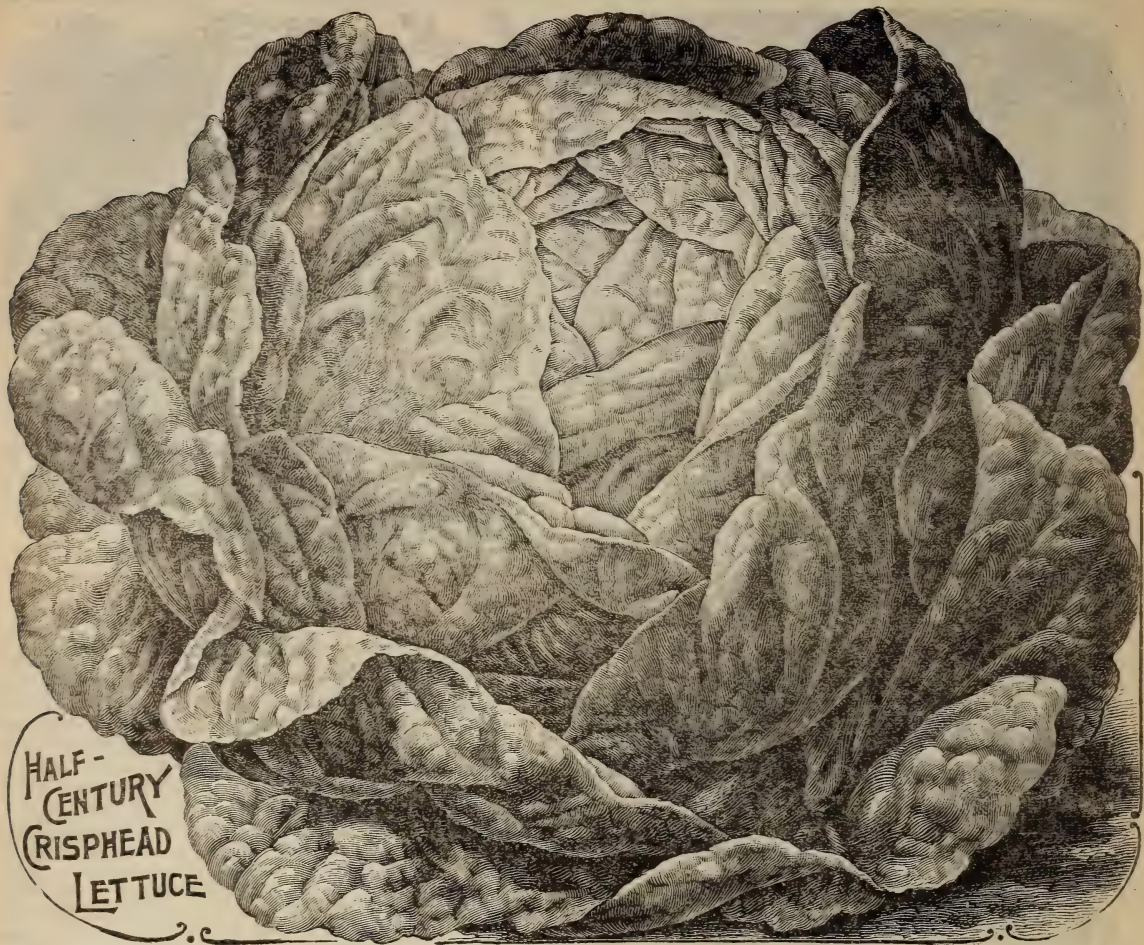
Prolific Tree (New)—Grows tall and branches freely, holding its numerous fruits well above ground. Fruit very large, 20 inches in circumference, and of superb quality and extra early, bearing for a long season and keeping well. In all-around good points it is a wonder and one of the finest vegetable novelties in a long time. Pkt., 10c.; oz., \$1.00.

Pearl—(WHITE)—This new pure white Egg Plant is a most beautiful vegetable, as well as the finest in quality of all Egg Plants. Very tender, delicate and highly flavored. Ripens early, fruit of large size and borne freely. Really one of the very best vegetable novelties in a long time, and one which we can highly recommend. Pkt., 10c.



MAMMOTH

SAGE



LETTUCE

An indispensable vegetable—certainly the finest salad plant known. Easily grown, either in hot-bed or garden, and can be sown very early. South of Mason and Dixon's line can be sown in the open ground in fall, and needs only a slight protection of straw or loose litter to be perfectly hardy.

We wish to call special attention to our two superior varieties, Half-Century and Half-Century Crisphead. If you have never tried them a real pleasure and satisfaction awaits you.

CHILDS' HALF-CENTURY LETTUCE—THE FAR-FAMED.

We all know how much careful selection year after year has to do with the quality of our vegetables, but there are few things that can claim a half-century descent from only the choicest and best specimens of one type. This lettuce can do so, however, and we are not surprised, therefore, at its superior qualities. Its leaves fold together, forming a long, loose head, remarkable for tenderness and delicate flavor. It may seem a good deal to say, but it is, nevertheless, a fact that for tenderness, brittleness and delicious quality this Lettuce grown in the open ground surpasses any other sort grown under glass. Nothing can approach it in quality. It is so brittle and tender that its leaves break to pieces in handling, if care is not used. It is a quick grower; attaining its full size in forty to fifty days, and remains in fine condition for a long time. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.30.

CHILDS' HALF-CENTURY CRISPHEAD LETTUCE—THE PERFECT.

It is with much pleasure we offer a sport from our famous Half-Century Lettuce, that produces a large, solid head. It has much the same characteristics of the Half-Century, being exceedingly crisp, brittle and unsurpassed in flavor; but it is a true heading variety, forming a solid head, as large as a small Cabbage. It is superior to all other head varieties in superb quality, a quick grower and long keeper. The California expert growers of Lettuce say that "Crisphead" is the longest keeping head variety in cultivation. The value of this cannot be overestimated. Its superb quality makes it the finest Lettuce for the home garden, which, with its long keeping quality, must make it the best and most popular sort for market growing. It is one of the best new vegetables ever introduced. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.00.

Your Half-Century Crisphead Lettuce is the finest thing ever. Had good bed of it last year, and delighted the neighbors as well as ourselves.—F. S. READER, New Brighton, Pa.

For years I have grown your Half-Century Lettuce, and have found none equal to it.—MRS. HARRY WHITE, North Andover, Mass.



BIG BOSTON.

Big Boston—A very desirable large variety for forcing in cold-frames and for outdoor planting. In the kitchen garden there is no better variety to use. Plants large, hardy, vigorous. Leaves broad, smooth, thin, of a light-green color. Heads large, handsome and solid when grown inside, somewhat more loose when grown in the garden. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.

May King—This remarkable variety has proved itself capable of satisfying the most exacting requirements that could be made of an early outdoor Lettuce; while it can also be easily raised in a cold-frame. It is not easily affected by cold or wet weather, grows very quickly and produces, even in poor soil, splendid, globular heads, which are ready ten or fifteen days before other heading varieties and stands a long time before showing signs of running to seed. The leaves inside are of a golden-yellow shade and in point of flavor unexcelled by any sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.

Curled Simpson—A fine sort, still able to hold its own against all new comers. In every respect this is a first-class sort, and always popular. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.00.

Buttercup—A beautiful garden sort, almost as ornamental as a Coleus. Large heads and fine quality; beautiful golden yellow. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.

Denver Market or Savoy—An early variety of head Lettuce, either for forcing or open ground. Forms large, solid head of good light-green color. The leaves are beautifully marked and blistered (like Savoy Cabbage) and crisp and tender; of excellent flavor. This is in many respects a most unique Lettuce, and one which will be very popular as soon as known, occupying the same place among Lettuce as Savoys do among Cabbages. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

Tomhannock—Just the Lettuce we have all been looking for; one that will stand the hot dry weather of mid-summer without growing bitter, tough and running to seed. It makes a beautiful bunch a foot high, and even more across, and the leaves are delightfully crisp and tender. Well-bronzed. Pkt. 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.25.

New Hanson—Our Southern customers say this is the finest Lettuce they can grow. Plants large and uniform, perfect head, quality superlatively fine, stands heat extraordinarily well. There is probably no better large-heading sort than this. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.00.



WHITE PARIS COS

Cream Butter—A crisp, tender, richly flavored variety, forming large heads of a beautiful creamy color; medium early, and stands summer heat remarkably well. This is one of the very best summer varieties of head Lettuce we have ever grown. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb. \$1.50.

White Paris Cos—This is a popular European sort, and is good for forcing or early summer sowing. Well grown heads weigh 5 to 7 pounds. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb. \$1.35.

Kale Dwarf Spreading.

Kale is very easily grown and much harder than any Cabbage, standing the winters well if protected by a little light litter or straw. The action of frost improves its flavor wonderfully, and it is particularly fine for winter and early spring greens. This is an extra fine strain of beautiful curled and dwarf German type, but of a rather spreading habit, and extra quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 75c.



LANTERN PLANT.

Chinese Lantern Plant.

Highly Ornamental and Useful.

The plant produces white flowers, which are followed by large inflated husks, much the shape of Chinese lanterns, at first a green color, changing to brightest scarlet, and as they hang suspended among the green foliage they present a most novel and beautiful appearance. In these husks or "lanterns" a fruit is borne, in color a deep ruby-red, and good either for cooking, preserving or eating raw, and keeps well into the winter. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.



LETTUCE
"DENVER MARKET"

Kohl Rabi.

Extra Early Vienna—A curious vegetable, in appearance half-way between a Turnip and a Cabbage with a turnip-like swelling of the stems above the ground, which, while young and tender, has a delicious Cauliflower flavor, very appetizing and pleasant. Very easily grown, requiring only such care as will make a Turnip or Cabbage do well. It is cooked much the same as Cauliflower and served with pepper, butter and salt. It is certainly most delicious. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

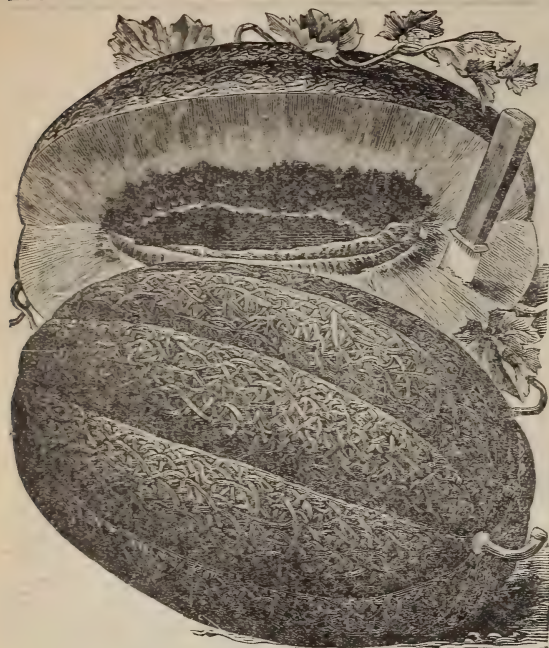


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KOHLRABI



DWARF SPREADING KALE.



KINSMAN QUEEN.

Muskmelon.

This fine fruit is much more delicious when eaten fresh from the vines than when allowed to stand for days in the heat of the market. Grow them like Cucumbers.

Kinsman Queen—This greatly improved Melon comes to us from a large grower in Ohio who pronounces it the finest of all Melons he has ever grown. Our trial of it for three years show it to be very fine indeed. We call it the very finest melon we ever grew and we firmly believe that all our customers who plant it will say the same. It is of good size, very deep meated, and the color of its flesh is a rich orange salmon. It is very tender, melting, and of the highest and richest flavor we have ever seen. It is the one Melon above all others to grow. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$2.00.

Burrell Gem—We are glad to be able to offer a new strain of the famous Rocky Ford Melons and one which we think is far superior to all others, particularly for general cultivation. This Melon is the result of many years of careful breeding at Rocky Ford and has the closely laced gray netting of the original Rocky Ford Cantaloupe. In size it is somewhat larger, averaging nearly two pounds. The flavor is rich and spicy, the meat thick, fine grained and very rich. Its carrying qualities are much superior to the original Rocky Ford, and owing to this and other points of superiority it sells at from two to three times as much per dozen or crate as the old variety. Per pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.50.

Montreal Green Nutmeg—An uncommonly large melon and a great cropper; flesh green, very firm, and delicious, and unlike most varieties, does not lose flavor during wet or cloudy weather. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 80c.

Banana—Melons very slender, and two or three feet long. A very fragrant variety, and if not picked until thoroughly ripe, of very good quality. Its flesh and flavor, as well as its shape, reminding one of a great luscious Banana. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 30c.

Improved Rocky Ford—Finest of the Netted Gem type and a famous Melon owing to its unsurpassed quality. We all know that for years past the best, and in fact the only real good Muskmelons that have come into our eastern market were the Rocky Fords. An expert has been to Rocky Ford, Colo., where these melons are grown, and bought the finest strain in cultivation from a private grower. This can be relied upon for producing the finest melons it is possible to grow. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.25.

Champion—A very handsome, large, round melon of delicious flavor and rich in quality. A great cropper and a favorite market sort. A fine standard sort which will give great satisfaction in any locality. For shipping it is without doubt the very best of all Muskmelons. It keeps well, is of fine appearance and high quality. None better for gardens. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

Emerald Gem—In quality this leads all, and every home garden should include it. Medium size, round, with salmon flesh, so rich, sweet and juicy that it needs to be eaten with a spoon. Few other Muskmelons can compare with it in eating qualities, and it is a grand sort for the home garden. It is rather soft and perishable for marketing; except near home. Where known in our villages and cities, the Emerald Gem brings double the price of any other sort, and for gardeners who deliver to customers, or to the market direct, it is the most profitable. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.30.

Davis' White Seeded—Earlier by ten days than any other salmon-fleshed variety, and is very prolific. The flesh is very sweet and solid, dark salmon and ripens to the rind. Seed cavity exceedingly small. Melons uniform in size, slightly oblong and heavily netted. Flesh thick and has no equal in quality. Vine large and strong. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.



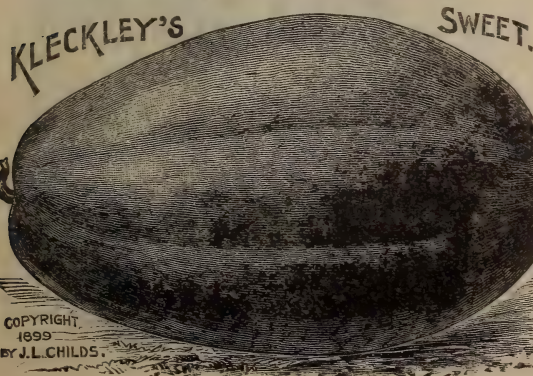
BURRELL GEMS.



Watermelon.

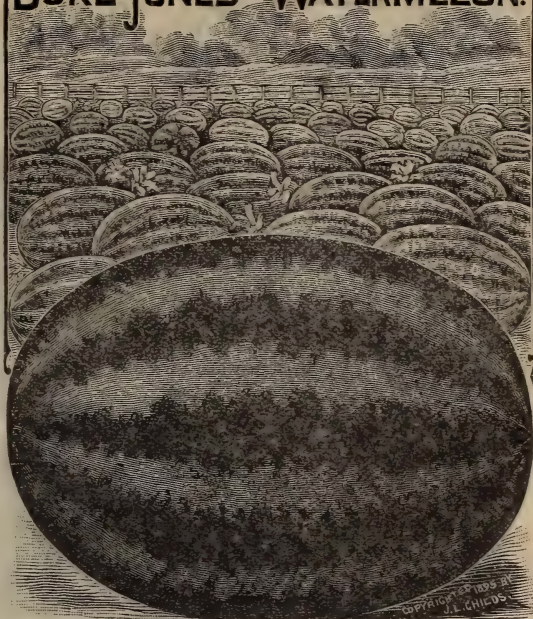
Never plant Watermelons on hard, poor soil. Plant in large, deep, mellow hills, made very rich with well-rotted manure, and you will have great crops of this delicious vegetable, which to be had at its best, must be picked from one's own garden.

Rosy Nugget—Of all the Watermelons ever introduced for the family garden or home market this is the most superb. In free and easy growth, productiveness, beauty and superb quality there is nothing that can compare to it, while its size is just right for home use. Weight 15 to 22 lbs., shape round, color very rich dark green. Rind very thin, almost none at all, but outer shell is hard. Flesh solid, absolutely no cavity, crisp, flavor such as cannot be found in any other melon, its richness, delicate quality and sweetness far surpassing all others. No matter what we say its delicious quality and sugary sweetness will astonish you when you eat it. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 35c.; lb., \$3.00



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DUKE JONES" WATERMELON.

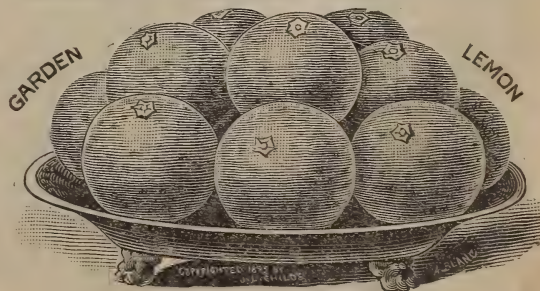


Duke Jones—Briefly, this is supposed to be the largest, handsomest most prolific, and in other respects the finest melon grown. Will average nearly fifty pounds each by the field, while some specimens reach nearly one hundred pounds. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.25.

Selected Chilian—A large dark skinned round melon weighing about 40 lbs. Flesh highly colored crimson, very tender and melting, of superb flavor, and ripens to the rind. In every way extra fine and quite early. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.

Kleckley' Sweet—The earliest large melon, weighing 50 to 60 pounds each, and ripening in about seventy days from the time of planting. It is a great yielder, and in quality the sweetest, juiciest, most crisp, solid and luscious. Grows two and one-half feet in length. Brilliant red inside, dark green without. With us the best melon ever tested. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.00.

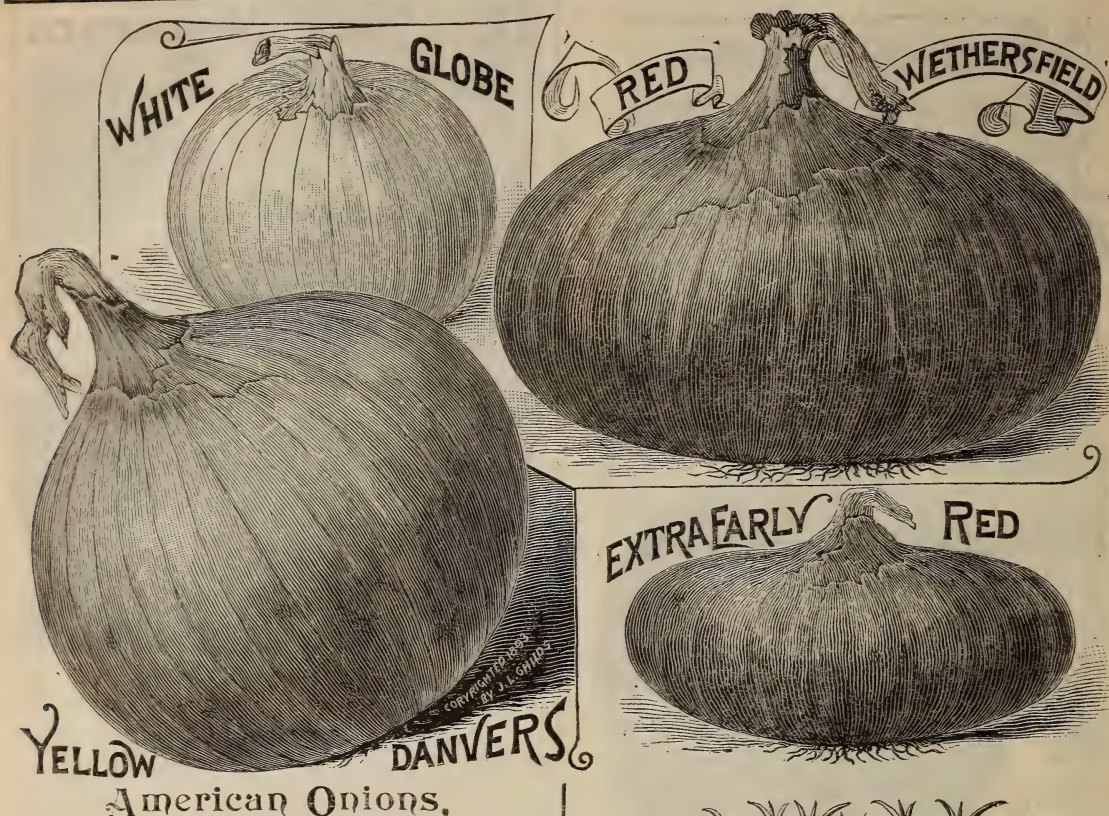
Early Harris—This has proved itself to be the earliest as well as the finest extra early Melon grown. It ripens fruit in 55 days from seed, under favorable conditions; 60 days, however, is the usual time, and this result may be expected under ordinary conditions. It is a handsome Melon of medium size (about 20 lbs.), of fine quality, and a quick seller in any market. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.



Vine Fruit.

Garden Lemon—This new vegetable is a great boon to all those sections of the country where fruit is scarce, as its fruits make delicious preserves, sauce, etc., and are more easily prepared. This is something like the Vine Peach, but needs no Lemon in putting up, as it is much more acid. Cultivated like the Musk Melon. Pkt., 5c.

Vine Peach—This sort has fruit the size of a large Peach and of a bright orange color. Flesh firm and when cooked with lemon to give it a slight acidity, makes fine pies, sauce, sweet pickles or preserves. Easily grown and a good keeper. Stored in a cool, dry place they keep fresh and good for several months. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.



American Onions.

One of the most wholesome foods known, and much relished by most people. Most physicians agree that the free use of Onions as a food is a healthful and beneficial stimulant to the system. Success or failure depends upon the quality of the seed sown. The best Onion seed is always the cheapest. We are certain that ours is as good as can be found anywhere. Have the ground made very fine, deep and rich for Onions, and keep free from weeds.

Large Red Wethersfield—A favorite red-skinned sort, of large size and handsome appearance. Onions somewhat flattened, flesh purplish-white, high-flavored, and keeps well without rotting. A standard sort and a great favorite with market gardeners. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.80.

Yellow Globe Danvers—Another popular Onion widely grown for market. Plump, handsome, yellow skinned bulbs, very uniform, round and perfect. We have an extra fine strain of this. It does well everywhere, and in all soils and climates, and is everywhere a popular market sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.90.

Extra Early Red—A quick-growing variety much liked in the North, as it grows well in cold, mucky soils, where other sorts fail. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$2.00.

Southport White Globe—A globular, mild-flavored Onion of fine appearance and superior quality. The most popular White Globe variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.60.

Australian Brown—A medium sized, smooth, handsome Onion, with a beautiful brown skin. Hard, solid, crisp, finely flavored and a good keeper. In fact one of the very best Onions grown. Season very early. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.60.

Winter or Tree Onion.

In this we have an Onion different from those raised from seeds or sets, or from the Top Onions, Potato Onion, in the fact that when once set out, without the slightest protection, it will come up year after year as soon as the frost breaks the ground, and grow so rapidly that it is ready for market or home use two or three weeks before any of them. It is usually ready for the table early in May. It is unsurpassed for sweetness and tenderness. It is perfectly hardy in all sections of the North. Differs widely from all other forms of Onions, and should have a place in every garden. Pint, 15c.; quart, 25c. Postpaid.

By express, not prepaid, peck, 75c.; bushel, \$2.50.



CHILDS'
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ITALIAN ONION.

Italian Onion.

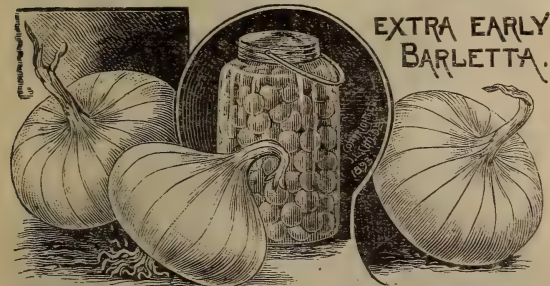
Italian Onions have come into favor with astonishing rapidity. Where a few years ago they were grown only as fancy garden crops, they are now planted extensively for market, and they are, too, a profitable crop. They are of rapid growth, attain a very large size in a wonderfully short time. They are not only large but uniform, perfect in shape and exceedingly handsome in appearance. In quality they are acknowledged on all sides to be the best, having an exceedingly mild, delicate and pleasant flavor. For eating raw, they are, of course, greatly superior to other Onions, owing to the mildness of their flavor.

Mammoth Silver King—A superb Onion, that sometimes grow to weigh two to four pounds. Silver-skinned, white fleshed, very mild and tender—so mild, sweet and tender that it can be eaten raw like an apple. It has an average diameter of five to seven inches, making a circumference of 15 to 20 inches. A grand seller in all markets. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

Prize Taker—A large yellow Globe Onion, very handsome, fine flavor and a grand sort for market. Immensely productive, producing 700 bushels to the acre, and is claimed to be the largest, handsomest, finest flavored yellow Globe Onion ever introduced. It is a good keeper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

Mammoth Pompeii—A most remarkable Onion. Bulbs often grow to the weight of four or five pounds, with a very thin and delicate skin, which is of a handsome reddish or reddish brown color. Exceedingly mild and fine grained. Extra fine; easy culture; good keeper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.75.

1 pkt., each of the 3 sorts for 20c.; 1 oz., each for 50c.



Early Barletta Onion.

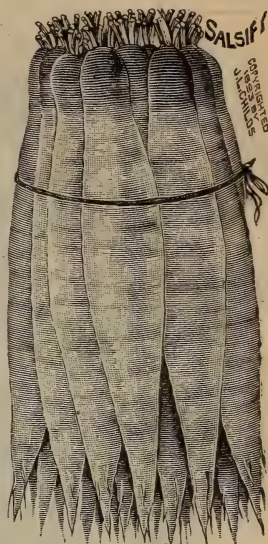
The prettiest button-like little Onions imaginable. Small, flat and silver-skinned, so mild in flavor that they can be eaten raw, like a stalk of Celery, and for pickling are far ahead of any other Onion. Leaves almost no odor on the breath, and is liked by all. Three weeks from seed. Is used largely for eating raw, like a radish, yet when cooked it has the most delicate flavor. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

Oyster Plant, or Salsify.

One of the most delicious of all root vegetables. So hardy that it can be left in the ground all winter, and dug as needed, whenever the ground thaws. Stew until tender, then cook exactly like oysters with pepper, cream and butter. Try a large bed of them this year. They are delightful.

Large White—A quick grower; very fine flavor. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

Sandwich Island Mammoth—Like the above but twice the size. Cannot be praised too highly. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.40.



SALSIFY.

Leek Giant Italian.

The Leek is a very hardy easily grown vegetable, of mild, agreeable flavor and is much used for soups, stews, etc., as its flavor is more delicate than that of the Onion. This is a new and very large variety, the best for general cultivation. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.00.

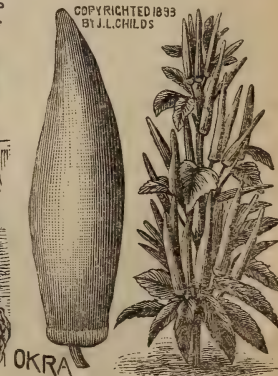
Chives. [Early Onion.]

An old favorite garden plant, which is now rarely seen, yet it is one of the most desirable and delicious of the Onion family. The tender succulent tops are ready to cut as soon as the snow goes off, and may be cut frequently like Asparagus all the spring and used for salads, flavoring soups, dressing or for eating raw. It is most healthful and appetizing and no garden is complete without it. Seed, which is very rare. 15c. per pkt.; 2 pkts., for 25c.

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Okra or Gumbo.

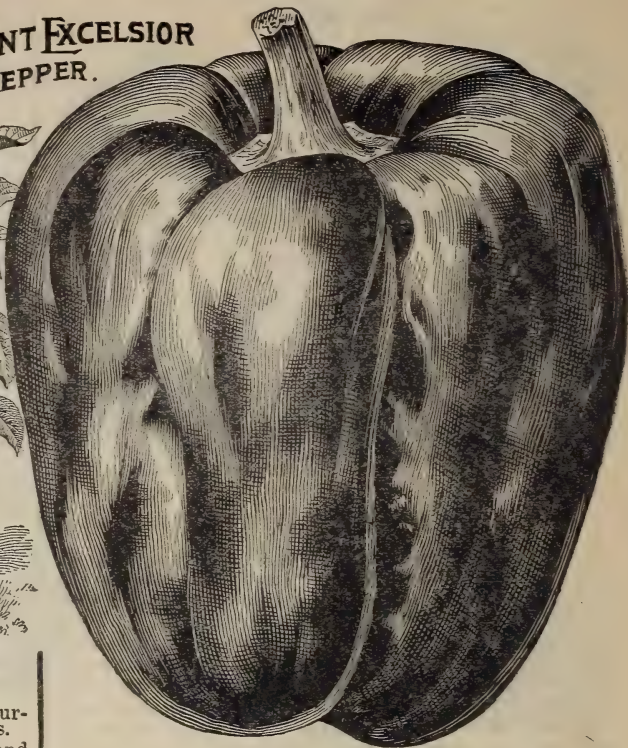
Very popular for making soups, stews, etc. Our New Velvet is superb.

New White Velvet—A great improvement on the old White Velvet in every way. It is undeniably the best variety grown. Its large thick pods are round and smooth and of an ivory-white color. It is a very profuse bearer, and is ornamental as well as useful. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

Mammoth Long Podded—A most superb new Okra which produces an abundance of fine large pods that are of superior quality for soups, etc. Plants grow four feet high but begin to bear pods when 8 to 12 inches high. These pods last long in a fresh prime state, and are borne in great quantities all summer. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 80c.



**GIANT EXCELSIOR
PEPPER.**



Pepper.

No trouble whatever to grow. Useful for culinary purposes, ornamental as pot plants and useful in many ways.

Giant Excelsior—A cross between the Chinese Giant and Ruby King, not so large as the former but larger than the latter. It is the earliest of Peppers, and outgrows other kinds. Growth exceedingly vigorous, and each plant produces from 17 to 20 mammoth sized peppers. Better keeper than Ruby King. Half hot. The most valuable market Pepper yet introduced, selling quickly at fancy prices. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$3.00.

Childs' Celestial Improved—A well-grown plant will show peppers in every stage of growth, and in three or four different colors, according to the stage of ripeness, creamy white, pink and vivid scarlet, all on the bush together, a most novel and wonderful sight. Beautiful pot plants: in fact few pot plants make such an attractive show as does this Pepper when in full bearing. It is perfectly charming, showing such quantities of fruit of so many different colors. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.; lb., \$2.00.

Childs' Kaleidoscope—One of these Pepper plants, with its dark green leaves, and hanging full of charming pink, yellow, rose and red fruits, is exceedingly beautiful. It is enormously prolific, plants branching freely and weeping with their load of jewel-like fruit. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.

Ruby King—The beautiful plants are crowded with large, handsome fruit of a bright ruby-red color, which grow four to six inches long by three to four inches through. They are remarkably mild and pleasant to the taste. They can even be sliced and eaten with vinegar like Tomatoes or Cucumbers. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.

Chinese Mammoth—A grand sweet sort, bearing enormous deep crimson peppers, as large as big turnips. Brings in market double the price of others. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 75c.

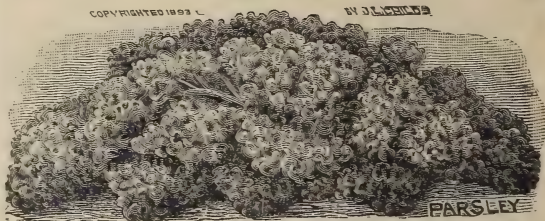
Ruby Sweet—This splendid pepper originated with us several years ago. It is so sweet and palatable that it may be eaten from the hand like a Radish. Cut into strips and cooked with meat or stewed it is simply great. In mild and delicate flavor we know no other sort like it. Pkt., 10c.; 3 for 25c.

Cress.—(Peppergrass.)

Extra Curled—An appetizing relish, of fresh, piquant taste, often added to lettuce and other fresh salads for variety. Splendid for canaries, who are very partial to it, and keep healthier for its use. Very easy to grow, and can be sown in any little nook or vacant spot. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Water Cress—Grown in moist, wet places, or at the edge of running streams. Increases rapidly, is very hardy, and as it is of an evergreen nature can be used all winter. A salad bowl heaped full of this Cress, of dark green leaves, is a pretty sight in January. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 35c.

Upland—A perennial Water Cress for garden culture, ready for use in earliest spring. Pkt., 10c.



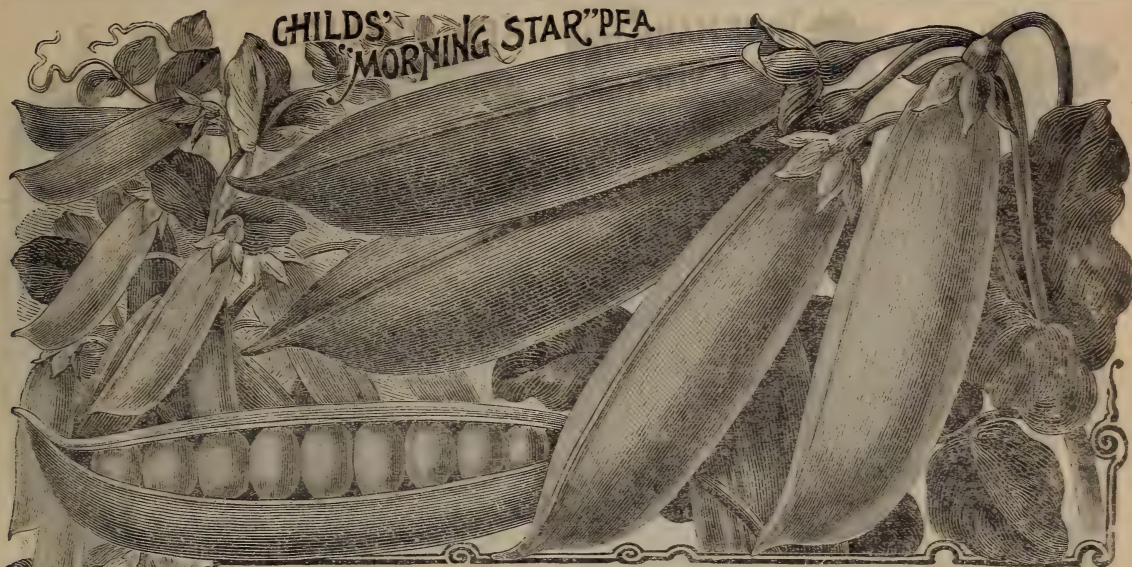
Parsley.

Hardy and easily grown. Very fine for garnishing, as well as useful for flavoring soups, etc.

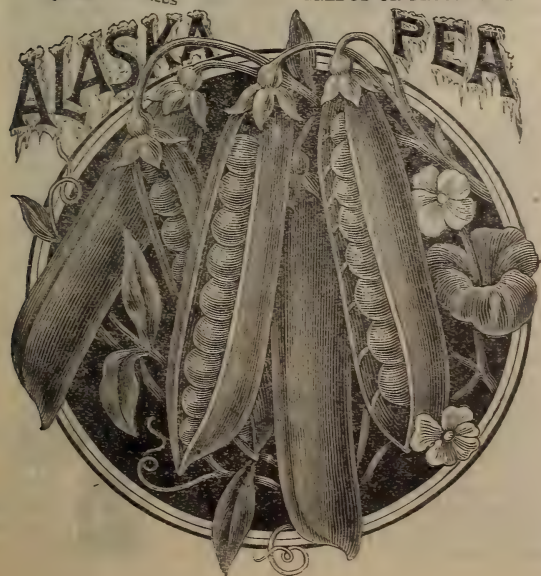
Extra Double Curled—Mossy curled and crisped leaves; very beautiful and good. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 85c.

Beauty of the Parterre—One of the finest sorts for garnishings or low edgings. Very fine quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.00





GRADUS OR PROSPERITY



Finest Garden Peas.

This delicious vegetable is so much finer when freshly gathered than when allowed to shrivel for days in the market, that every family, if possible, should grow their own Peas. For early crop, plant as soon as the ground can possibly be worked in the spring, and plant every two weeks thereafter for succession until summer.

Childs' Morning Star—A new wrinkled Pea, earlier than any of the small round varieties. It is the earliest pea grown. It is a fair-sized, wrinkled variety, and, therefore, possesses the same delicious quality of the late wrinkled kinds. For the first time the fine quality of the late varieties is combined with extreme earliness. Added to its other qualities it is exceedingly prolific, and continues to bear longer than any other early sort. It grows 13 to 20 inches high, and does not require bushing. It is the most reliable wrinkled pea for fall use—sown August 1st—that I have ever grown." Mr. J. Goody, of Clare, Suffolk, England, writes: "Your 'Morning Star,' beats any pea in England for a first crop." Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart 75c. By express per peck not prepaid \$2.00.

Gradus or Prosperity—A new, large podded, strong growing pea, which is only a few days later than the earliest small round sorts. It has all the fine qualities of the large late varieties, yet is extra early. So vigorous and strong is its growth that it effectually resists the pea aphid, which do so much damage to early crops nowadays. Largest peas and very finest quality. Stock very scarce. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.; per peck by express not prepaid \$3.00.

Herald—A new English Dwarf Marrowfat Pea of great value. Of large size, with large pods, very dwarf and compact in growth, and of the finest quality. As a family garden Pea there is probably not a variety that can equal it in desirable qualities, especially in productiveness and superb quality. In all important points it certainly excels. Pkt., 20c.; pint, 60c.; quart, \$1.00.

Champion of England—Still able to hold its own among all new comers as a pea of superlatively fine quality. Late and heavy cropper. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

American Wonder—An early wrinkled pea of exquisite flavor, ready for the table in thirty to forty days after planting. Grows only a few inches high. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

McLean's Little Gem—An old standard Tom Thumb variety, still among the very best for a first crop pea. Very hardy. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Everbearing—A fine sort for the home garden, as it does not ripen its pods at one crop, but continues in bearing a long time. Fine flavor. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Alaska—The best of all early round varieties, ripening ahead of all others, except Childs' Morning Star, and bearing great quantities of fine peas, richly flavored. A fine market pea, as the whole crop matures almost at one time. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c. By Express not prepaid, peck, \$2.00; bushel, \$7.00.



EVERLASTING PUMPKIN.

Pumpkin.

An indispensable farm crop, and necessary to the kitchen garden. Who is there that would be willing to go without Pumpkin Pies especially when made from the following superior sorts.

Genuine Mammoth or True Portion—This is the giant Pumpkin that always takes the premium at the county fairs for size. Grows so large two men can scarcely lift one of the fruits, which have been grown to weigh nearly or quite 200 pounds. Flesh bright yellow and very fair quality. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.50.

Large Cheese—An old standard sort, and a grand variety for large field crop. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Small Sugar—This is the small, sweet pumpkin. Very fine-grained, most deliciously sweet-flavored, also a splendid keeper all through the Winter. They average about ten inches in diameter, of a round flattened shape; deep orange-yellow color; extremely attractive. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

The Everlasting Pumpkin.

Keeps Perfect a Year.

This most remarkable Pumpkin, a good companion to our famous Everlasting Cucumber, was originated by a Mr. Vanderveer, of Flatbush, L. I. Attention was first called to its wonderful keeping qualities when he first exhibited three specimens of it at one of the Long Island Agricultural fairs and took first premium in the face of great competition. The same three specimens were kept in perfect condition, and exhibited again the next year, again taking first premium. This amply illustrates its Everlasting or keeping qualities. Pumpkins in first class condition the year round is the just and proud claim for it. But this is not all, for in addition to its great keeping qualities it is probably the best all round variety for family use in cultivation. In quality, size and color it is unexcelled. It is rather flat or cheese-shaped, creamy in color outside, a bright deep orange inside. Cavity very small, the flesh being exceedingly thick. It is fine grained, cooks easily and for pies it has a most delicious flavor, far superior to any other Pumpkin we have ever tried. Vine a strong healthy grower and very productive. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.50.

Above 4 sorts for 25c.

NEW PEANUTS



Peanut.

Grow some Peanuts for the children. Not at all hard to grow, and stands the heat and drouth like a salamander. We have had most excellent reports on the Early Sweet from all parts of the North, and we feel sure the two new sorts which we are offering will be equally pleasing.

Early Sweet—This sort is so early that it ripens in the Northern States and in Canada, while its quality is of the very best, the nuts being exceedingly sweet and rich when roasted. Any light, sandy, or loose soil suits them. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 30c.

Earliest Long Pod—A most remarkable new sort bearing 3 to 4 nuts in each pod. Greatest yielder known and will do well on most any soil, and fill out better than any other large variety. The distinct long, handsome pods grow close together. Flavor very best and about as early as Early Sweet. Pkt., 15c.; pint, 50c.; quart, 95c.

Mammoth Prize—An enormous peanut, the earliest large sort, and the greatest bearer. Twice as productive as any other and 4 to 6 times larger than Early Sweet. It is really a marvel, and of the very finest quality. Pkt., 15c.; pint, 60c.; quart, \$1.00.

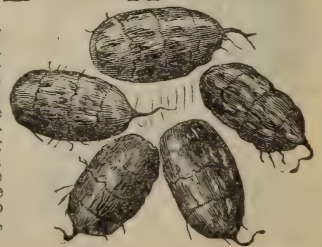
One pkt., each of the 3 for 30c.



Chufas, or Earth Almonds.

LARGE SWEET.

These nuts are very sweet, highly flavored and nutritious, they grow underground, very near the surface. Easily and cheaply grown anywhere abundant in yield, greedily eaten by every living thing. They mature in September, and lie in the soil till wanted. They are delicious and superior to peanuts. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.





New Giant Hardy Crimson Winter Rhubarb.

The perfection in Rhubarbs.—So vigorous and rapid in growth that it is ready for the table in three months from seed, or two months from roots.

This is in all respects just like Burbank's Crimson Winter Rhubarb, except it is **FOUR TIMES LARGER**, and perfectly hardy in the extreme north. Plants of this wonderful Rhubarb sold two years ago by an agent of the originator for \$5.00 each. Mr. Wagner the originator says it is "more rugged than the Crimson Winter and fully twice the size of Linnaeus or any old variety." It has the fine crimson color and sprightly delicious flavor of Burbank's Crimson Winter and is available for use from earliest spring to late in December. The stalks sometimes attain a length of three feet and weigh over one pound. Sixty stems picked from one plant at a single picking weighed thirty pounds. Such a great number of stalks from one plant are possible as the plant divides so rapidly into numerous crowns. It will of course supersede the old Crimson Winter as fast as planters can get the stock. Those who set a few plants now will reap a rich harvest, not only on the Pacific and in the South, but in the North as well where the old variety is not reliable.

It is the earliest of all Rhubarb by a long way and fit for use not only in the spring, but all through the summer and fall. As fast as stalks are pulled fresh ones will take their place. In the Southern and Pacific states it may be used all the year round, requiring only water in dry localities to keep it growing. It is particularly fine in winter. Color bright crimson except new stalks on young plants.

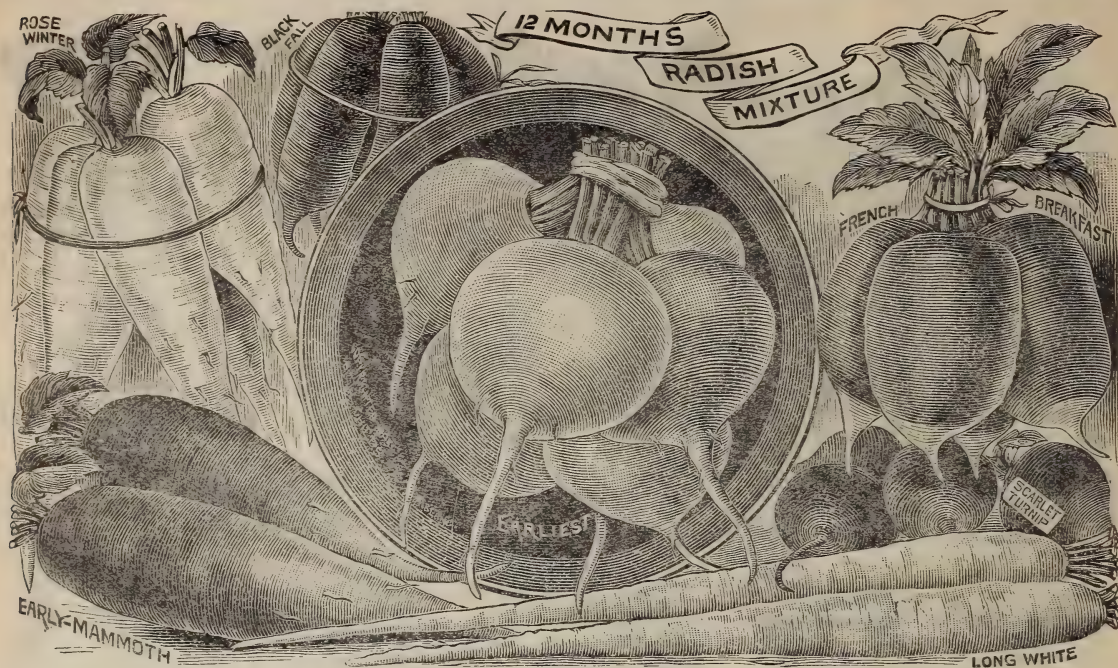
In quality this Rhubarb is simply superb, fully equal in flavor to the finest berries. The stalks are not so bulky, soft and watery as most other kinds, and the skin is so thin and tender that it is not necessary to remove it, and when cooked a beautiful crimson-colored sauce is the result, looking, as well as tasting, like berries. Flavor sprightly and refreshing, combining that of the Raspberry and Strawberry, but greatly superior to either as a cooked fruit. In fact, it makes the most delicious sauce and pies we have ever tasted.

Price of Roots, 20c. each; 4 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$7.00.

Price of Seed, 15c. per pkt.; 3 pkts., for 40c. From seed sown in open ground in April or May one will get fine large stalks for cooking as early as July and August.

JOHN S. BOND, Shellmouth, Man., Canada, says:—"Your claims for your New Giant Rhubarb seed is fully justified. I sowed seed early and in August picked 3 to 4 lbs., of good stalks from half a dozen plants."

A. E. JONES, Philadelphia, says:—"I raised the most wonderful and delicious Rhubarb I ever saw in my back yard from your seed. It was ready to use in a surprisingly short time."



Radish.

The following are the cream of all sorts.

Earliest Forcing—Earlier than any other sort by a week. Bright scarlet turnip Radish, very smooth and round, with small tops, allowing it to be grown closely together in hot-bed or forcing bench. Fine also for out-of-door. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.00.

Iceberg—A long Radish of almost transparent whiteness, which has no rival among all existing varieties. It is so early that the roots are 4 to 5 inches long in twenty days from the time of sowing the seed in the open ground, and ready for the table. As to quality, it has no superior, and is the most beautiful Radish yet seen. A long white, alabaster-like, early variety has not previously existed. This is a real jewel. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.15.

20 Days Express—Is fit for the table in twenty days from the time of sowing the seed and is fully grown in twenty-five days, at which time the Radish is about one-inch in diameter at the top, three inches in length and tapering to a point. Color, brightest richest scarlet, tipped with white. Quality very mild, crisp and delicious. By far the best flavored Radish we have ever seen, and the most desirable for table use. The finest, and, without doubt, the earliest Radish in cultivation. It seems to combine all good points—earliness, beauty, good size and superior quality. Really a great acquisition. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$2.00.

Early Mammoth—Known also as "Shepard" and "Charlier." This variety sometimes reaches the enormous length of two or three feet and is sometimes eight inches through at the top. A very quick growing variety, crisp, juicy and tender, and mild in flavor. Its color is a fresh pink and white, and for market has no superior among summer Radishes. It remains tender and good for several weeks after it is ready for use and is a splendid all-around Radish. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 70c.

French Breakfast—A very attractive pink and white Radish, olive-shaped and with delicate flavored flesh, free from coarseness or any biting quality. A grand little table sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

White Vienna—Finest of all long white Radishes. Skin and flesh pure white, beautiful shape and fine flavored. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

Early Scarlet Turnip—A fine quick-growing early Radish, of fine eating qualities. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Chinese Rose Winter—A handsome and superior midsummer, fall and winter sort, of a lovely scarlet-rose color, and large size. Flesh meaty, crisp and tender. Keep roots in soil for winter use. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 90c.

Sakurajima Mammoth—One of the good new things from Japan. In our trial grounds it has proven to be a very fine novelty indeed. It is of very quick growth, reaching an enormous size in a short time. Color pure white, almost like a piece of ivory. Very crisp and tender and of remarkably mild and pleasant flavor. Most people at once pronounce it to be the ideal table Radish. It certainly is as far as beauty and quality goes. As a southern winter Radish it is without a rival. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.

Twelve Months' Radish Mixture—A superb mixture of all kinds of Radishes, early, medium, fall, winter, Chinese, etc. Sow a row of it and it will furnish you delicious Radishes throughout the year. The early and medium ones, as they mature and are pulled, make room for the larger growth of the fall and winter varieties. This mixture is made up of twenty-five best varieties, and with it it is necessary to make but one sowing for the entire year. This novel mixture was introduced by us some years ago. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; ¼ lb., 30c.; lb., 90c.

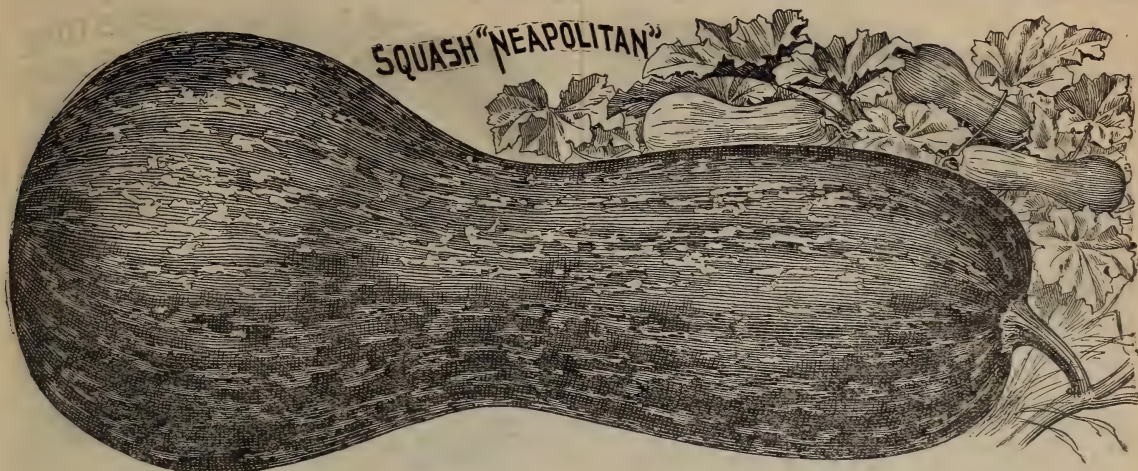


Giant Crimson—Roots attain an enormous size without getting nitty or losing their fine flavor. Skin bright crimson, flesh white as snow, crisp, tender and mild delicate flavor. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.00.

Violet Giant—Much like the above but a lovely violet color, and keeps a long time tender and crisp. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.00.

White Giant Forcing—Largest of the fine pure white forcing variety. About one inch thick, grows rapidly and is tender and delicate. Pkt., 15c.; oz., 50c.

One packet each of these 3 New Giant Radishes for 25c.



Squash.

A delicious table vegetable, and when cooked like Pumpkins, make superior pies.

Blue Hubbard—(New)—Since the old Hubbard lost its sterling qualities by deterioration no sort has come to take its place till now. Blue Hubbard is a better Squash in every way than the old one was at its best. It is of the same general quality but higher flavored, and keeps better after being cut open. In fact it beats all other Squashes as a keeper. In productiveness it is a marvel, yielding a ton of Squashes to less than 40 hills. Its shell is in all respects like the old Hubbard except in its handsome blue color. In rich quality no Squash can approach it: Pkt., 15c.; oz., 40c.; lb., \$4.00.

Early Scollop—An early summer sort. Very fine and popular. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Ford Hook—A long, golden yellow Squash, with very dry and fine-grained flesh. This is one of the best winter Squashes, and an extra fine keeper, and the plants are so robust that failure is very rare. Resists the attacks of the Squash borer better than most kinds; matures early and is a sure cropper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

Giant Summer Crookneck—A new crook neck, which is a little earlier than the old variety, and fully twice as large, being nearly two feet in length. It is of extra fine quality handsome in appearance, and finds a ready sale at good prices in any market. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00

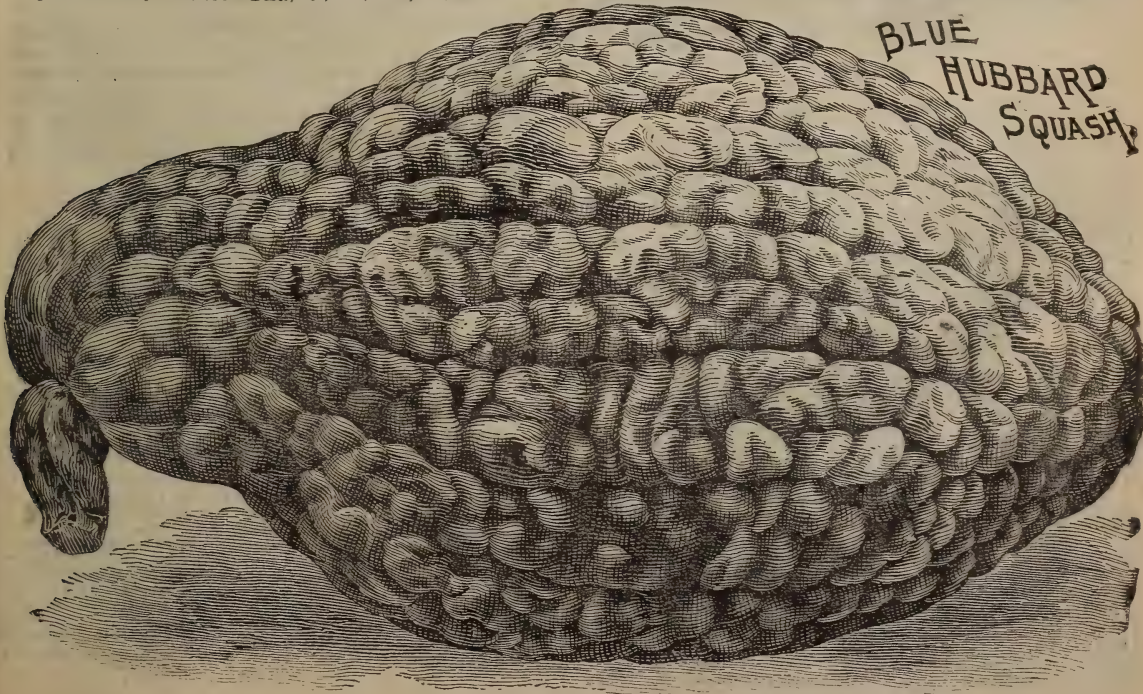
Metcalf—Maine variety of extra fine quality, fine grained and dry. No better eating Squash can be found anywhere. A long winter keeper, good till spring. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.25.

Mammoth Chili—Specimens of this have been grown to reach 300 pounds in weight, and is of very fair quality and keeps well. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

Mammoth Whale—A new French variety of the enormous weight of one hundred or more pounds. Fruit thick and an ashy-gray color, and tapers toward the end. Flesh solid, beautiful orange-yellow and of excellent quality. It has also the advantage of being a long keeper and a variety which does well in any soil or climate. It is a splendid variety in all respects, especially for exhibiting at fairs. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

Neapolitan—(New)—This gigantic Squash is from 24 to 40 inches long, with peculiar shape. It has a very small seed cavity, the whole fruit being almost solid meat. It is dry, fine grained and rich in flavor, and is as easily grown as a pumpkin anywhere. A most superb novelty. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.50.

Sibley—Another fine winter Squash that keeps well nearly all winter. Shell hard and flinty; pale green in color. Flesh a brilliant orange-red; very dry and rich flavor. A fine baking variety, Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.





Parsnip.

One of the few winter vegetables. The roots are perfectly hardy and are improved in flavor by the action of the frost. Roots can be dug during thaws in winter or very early in spring, when a change of food is most relished. They are boiled whole, then sliced thin and fried brown with salt pork.

Improved Guernsey—This is not the coarse Stock Guernsey, but the table variety of that name, the sweetest, finest grained Parsnip grown. Smooth, thick roots, about 12 inches long. Very fine stewed, fried, etc. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Improved Long Smooth Hollow Crown—An old standard variety, of fine quality with long roots. This is the most raised for stock breeding, and for that purpose it is truly a valuable root. All cattle relish Parsnips immensely and thrive wonderfully when they feed freely upon them. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.



SPINACH.

Spinach.

One of the most delightful Vegetables is the Spinach, and a most welcome addition to the table in early spring. It is by far the most healthful of Vegetables, for it contains a larger per cent of iron, a most necessary tonic. Physicians tell us that if people would eat more Spinach they would be much better off. Sow seed in September or October, protect the young plants with a little loose straw over winter and in early spring you will get an abundant harvest.

American Savoy—A heavy cropper of fine quality and very hardy; succulent leaves, curled and crinkled like Savoy Cabbage. Hardest and most productive sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 40c.

Victoria Long Standing—This thick variety is distinguished by the exceedingly dark green color, and also for its long-standing qualities and crinkled foliage, especially valuable for summer use, resisting heat to a remarkable degree. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 40c.; 3 lbs., \$1.00.

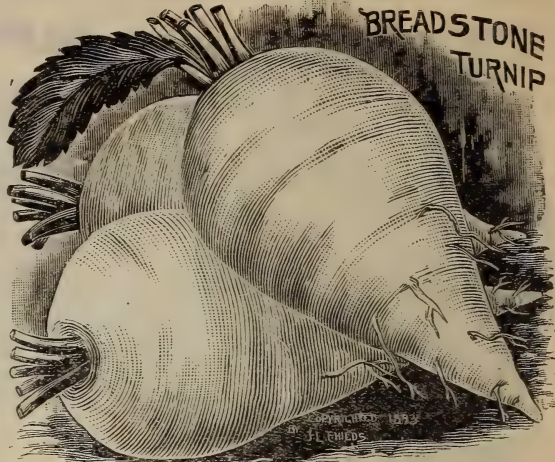
Everlasting—Available for use during the hottest months of midsummer, when ordinary spinach is not to be had. Quite different from the true spinach, but an admirable substitute. Cook like others. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

SENATOR JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Floral Park, N. Y.

"When I bought your seeds two years ago I was more than pleased with them. Without knowledge of gardening I had the greatest success with my garden and raised the best cucumbers for miles around from your Everlasting Cucumber seed. Your 'Short Stories' tell us that you are a great lover of children and birds also, and we like them all the more because they are written out of life."

Yours respectfully,

MRS. CLARA PABST, Snowville, Va.



Turnips.

A valuable garden and farm crop. Good turnips are almost as desirable for table use as Potatoes. For winter use sow last of July or first of August.

Extra Early Milan—The earliest strap-leaved variety. A smooth, medium-sized variety, with a bright purple top. Fine quality and a good keeper. Very delicious. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

White Egg—Beautiful white, egg-shaped sort, of rapid growth. Flesh firm and solid, fine grained, sweet and of very mild flavor. Fine either for early or late variety, grows to a good size. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Tennoji—A mammoth flat variety of excellent quality. It is impossible to say just how large it will grow under favorable conditions. Here in our trial grounds it has grown to the largest dimensions we have ever seen in a Turnip. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 35c.

Scarlet Kashmir—This Turnip has a striking resemblance to a large Radish, being as large and uniform in shape and crisp, and of a most excellent quality. It matures almost as quickly as an early Radish, and is of surpassing quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.

Purple Top White Globe—A large Turnip of fine keeping qualities. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Large Yellow Globe—A large round Turnip, with deep yellow flesh and fine, firm grain; very sweet and good. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Cream Tankard—This new Turnip came from Sweden and we grew our first crop recently. We are more than pleased with it. It is somewhat the shape of a Stump-rooted Carrot, 3 inches thick at the top, and a foot long; about one-half this length is above ground and light green in color. Below ground is a light creamy yellow. When cooked it is a light cream color, very tender and delicate in flavor, just the quality of a very fine early flat turnip when at its best. We are very much pleased with it and recommend it highly. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30.

Ruta Baga, or Swede.

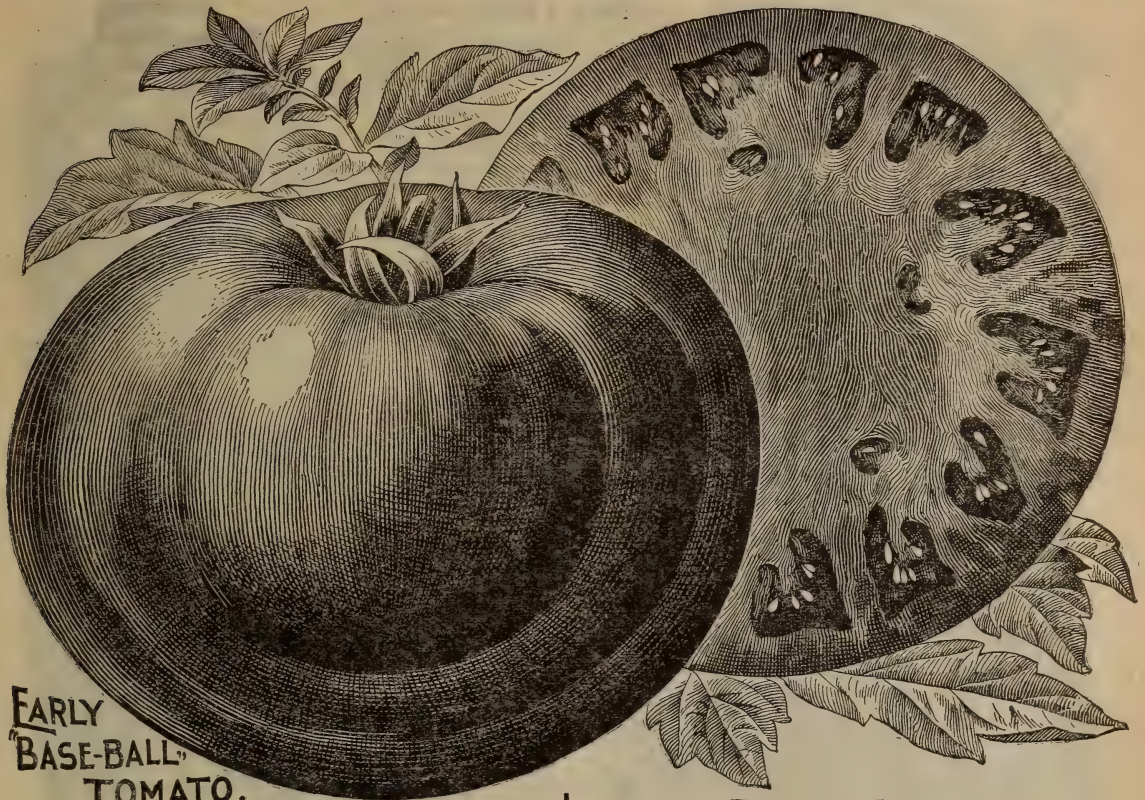
Carter's Elephant—A Turnip of great size and a wonderful cropper. In shape it is beautiful and perfect and remarkably uniform, quick growth, and excellent quality. Owing to its very large size it will probably turn out 50 per cent. more bushels to the acre than any other, and is, therefore, the most profitable variety for large crops, especially for feeding. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

Breadstone—A white Ruta-Baga, so tender that it will cook in fifteen minutes, while the flavor is uncommonly sweet and delicate. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 65c.

Improved American Ruta-Baga—Large, smooth and handsome, quick in growth, tender, and fine in quality. A superb standard sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

CHILDS' NEW RUTA-BAGA, "WHITE QUALITY."

This new Turnip is so far superior to any other that it is in a class by itself. When people know it they will grow it in sufficient quantity for every day use, like Potatoes. It is so delicately flavored, so exceedingly crisp and tender, which added to its snow-white color marks a real revolution in Turnips. It was evolved from the famous Breadstone Ruta Baga, long celebrated for its exceptional quality. Size, medium, color pearly white; growth, vigorous and rapid. Sow seed August 1st. to 15th, in good soil and in October you will see the finest crop of the finest Turnips you ever grew, and they will hold this fine quality and surpassed tenderness and crispness all winter. You will want them on your table every day. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.50.



Tomatoes.

Tomatoes are indispensable among vegetables. City dwellers with almost no room can train them to their own walls and raise quantities of fine, fresh fruit for their own use. Start early in the house or hot-bed, transplant just after a gentle rain, and tie plants to stake or trellis. They stand drouth remarkably well. Just before frost pick all the well developed fruits, spread them singly in a light, frost-proof place, and they will continue ripening for two months.

Childs' Early Baseball—In many ways this is about as fine a vegetable novelty as we ever introduced, not excepting the Everlasting Cucumber, Half Century and Crisphead Lettuce, Rosy Nugget Watermelon, and Long Podded Lima. We will not say it is the earliest of all Tomatoes, but it is as early as any and very much earlier than any other large first-class sort. Unlike other early Tomatoes Baseball is not small but extra large; one of the very largest, and by all odds the smoothest, heaviest and most solid variety in cultivation. It has very little seed cavity but has solid flesh pulp, tender, and free from all traces of coarseness or green core. It is a rich crimson color throughout and of unsurpassed quality. By all odds the Tomato for both the home garden and the market gardener. 10c. per pkt.; oz., 40c.; lb., \$4.00.

Childs' Ruby Queen—Tomato of enormous size, and as smooth as an apple. Its color is the deepest and darkest crimson-red, very rich and beautiful. It is very solid, very thin skin, and its flesh throughout is most tender. It has not a particle of coarseness or toughness. Much like Golden Jubilee, except in color. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

Childs' Picture Rock—Fruit bright scarlet, fair size and so perfect and uniform that they look as though each one was moulded with the same stamp. Its quality is extra fine and it commences to ripen its fruit early and continues in bearing until frost, a most remarkable quality. Its keeping qualities are, however, the most wonderful. Ripe fruit, fresh from the vines, have kept in perfect condition from three to four weeks during the warm summer weather. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.50.

Childs' Golden Jubilee—A fit companion to the Ruby Queen and, like it, of enormous size, specimens having been grown that weighed over two pounds each. The fruits are round and solid, with few seeds; flesh meaty and like all yellow varieties, very sweet and mild in flavor. A beautiful table sort especially when arranged with the deep, rich slices of Ruby Queen on the same dish. The skin of this sort parts readily from the fruit without scalding. An important feature. Pkt., 16c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 50c.

Tomatoberry.

A unique garden fruit of the Tomato family. Habit of growth slender with distinct foliage. May be given support and trained up to a considerable height, or allowed to sprawl over the ground. Fruit beautiful bright crimson in loose clusters of 10 to 60 and just the size of a Concord Grape. Delicious in taste with a decided tomato flavor and fruit contains only a few small seeds. Fine for cooking and canning and exceptionally good for preserving. Plants are enormously prolific and trained up to stakes or trellises present a most attractive appearance. Cultivate like a Tomato. Seed per pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.



New Field Corn Johnson County Prize White.

Finest Corn on Earth.

At the National Corn Show, in competition with the finest samples from all over the United States, Johnson County White always captured the prize for the best Corn of any color in the world. A high honor, indeed. At one show, the ten prize ears sold for \$350, and our stock here offered was grown from them. Certainly it is the most glorious Corn ever grown. Length of ears about ten inches, with twenty rows of grain. Weight of ten ears 13½ lbs., of which 12 pounds is Corn and 1½ lbs., cob. About one thousand grains to the ear. Growth fairly strong and vigorous, and should be planted in rows not closer than 3½ feet. Yield enormous. In any fair situation fully one-half of the entire crop will be exhibition Corn. From every standpoint of scientific breeding this is the finest and most perfect Corn in the world.

Selected Seed, 10c. per
pkt.; 30c. per lb.; 3 lbs., for 75c.;
7 lbs., \$1.60. Carrying charges
prepaid

By express or freight
at buyer's expense, 75c.
per peck; \$2.00 per bushel.
Three bushels for \$5.00.

New Field Corn.

Large Grained Yardstick.

Greatly superior to the old Yardstick, as it has a very large kernel or grain, and far better than any other Long-fellow type. Possesses great beauty, enormous productiveness and earliness. In cold climates where the season is short Yardstick is just the Corn that is needed. It gets its name from the enormous length of ears, which though not a yard in length are often one-half of it, by far the longest-eared Corn we have ever seen, and the most beautiful. Color golden yellow and very handsome. Quality like that of all the fine flint Corns, which is much superior to any dent variety. There is no doubt but that Yardstick is twice as productive as the common varieties of flint Corn. Its superb quality will be appreciated by those who grind it into meal for home consumption. Pkt., 10c.; lb., 35c.; 3 lbs., 90c.; 7 lbs., \$1.75 prepaid. By express or freight at buyer's expense, peck, 80c.; bushel, \$2.50.

SAMPLE EARS.

We can supply sample ears of Golden Superb, Large Grained Yardstick, and Johnson County White at 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00, prepaid.



JOHNSON COUNTY PRIZE WHITE.





GOLDEN SUPERB.

Field Corn, Golden Superb.

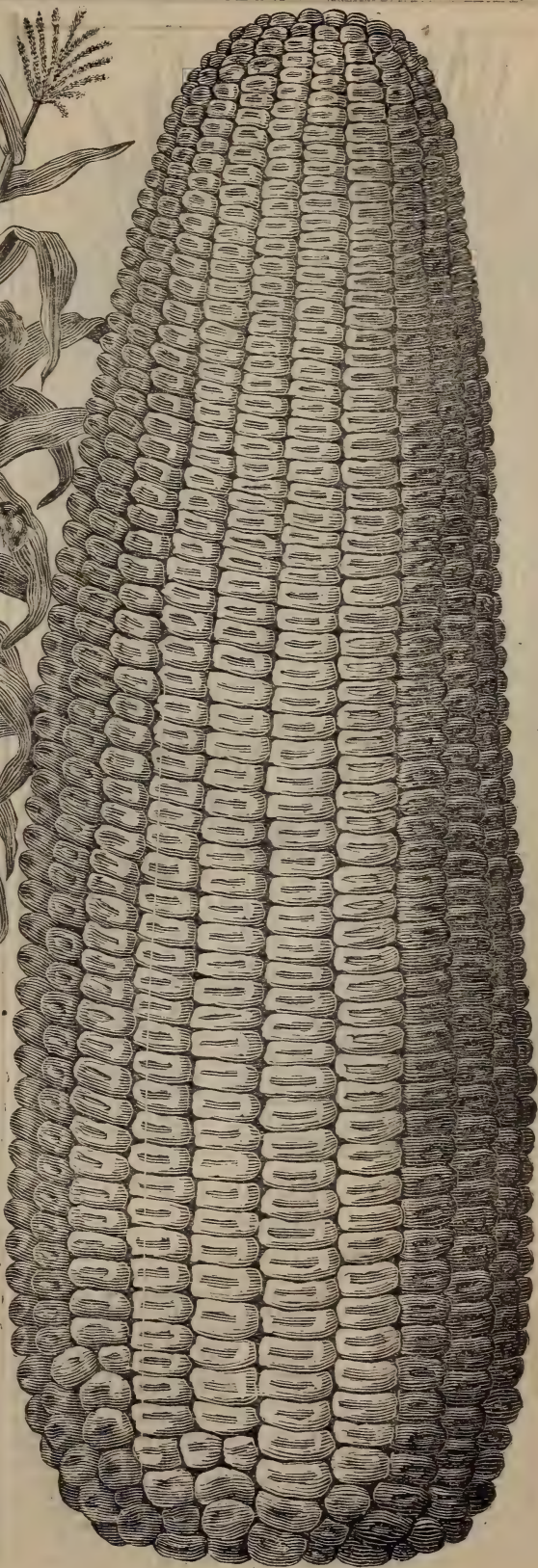
The Most Valuable Field Corn Ever Grown, and Now
the Leading Favorite Where Known
from Maine to California.

An enormous golden dent variety, so early that it can be grown in the Northern States, and out-yields any other sort. It originated in Connecticut. It is the finest Field Corn we have ever seen. Ears very large and handsome, mostly 24 rows of deep kernels. It is enormously prolific, producing over 200 bushels to the acre in very dry seasons, in hills four feet apart each way, and with ordinary cultivation. Its great vigor enables it to stand dry weather remarkably, and give a good crop, where other sorts fail. Often two or three ears are borne on one stalk, and they run as uniform as though they were made in the same mould, and are as perfect and handsome as though they were made of wax. No other variety of Corn can approach this, and it is bound, when known, to be more extensively grown than all other kinds put together. Fodder so excessively sweet and nutritious that cattle eat it in preference to any other. Owing to its extreme earliness it may be harvested earlier than any other Dent Corn. It is seldom one sees anything bred up to such perfection as this new Corn.

Select Seed—By mail or express prepaid by us, 10c. per pkt.; 30c. per lb.; 3 lbs., 75c.; 7 lbs., \$1.50.

By express or freight, purchaser to pay charges, per peck, 80c.; bushel, \$2.50; 3 bushels, \$7.00.

Although it has been more than ten years since we introduced Golden Superb, our sales of it last year were much larger than any previous year, showing that it is appreciated.





Mand's Wonder Forage Plant.

Most productive hay or fodder plant known. Grows 12 to 14 ft. high and ripens a heavy crop of seed in 100 days from sowing. It can be mown down when it reaches 5 or 6 feet for hay, and will grow up again so quickly that 3 to 5 mowings are secured in a season. Three pounds of seed covers an acre sown broadcast, or in drills 12 to 13 inches apart, dropping seed six inches apart. The broad, dark green leaves closely resemble corn and it surpasses in nutritive value any other forage plant. It is greatly relished by all kinds of stock, either green or cured. For seed purposes plant 3 feet apart each way and cultivate. There will be 40 stalks to each plant and 20 seed heads which are from 12 to 14 inches long and covered with seed. Besides a heavy crop of fodder, it will yield 3,000 pounds of seed per acre, unequalled for poultry food, and will ripen in any latitude that will ripen corn. Mand's Wonder Forage Plant is decidedly different from Pencilaris, an old and well known forage plant best adapted to the tropics. Our seed of Mand's is all grown in the North-western States.

PRICE, oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.; 3 lbs., \$2.00, or in larger quantity 65c. per lb., prepaid.



CANARY BIRD MILLET



TEOSINTE

Teosinte.

This is another forage or fodder plant, and is the great thing for the South. In appearance it resembles Corn, but the leaves are much longer, broader and sweeter. It grows 12 feet high, producing a number of shoots, which are thickly covered with heavy foliage. It produces forty tons to the acre. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.50 postpaid.

Early Canary Millet.

A new sort of great value for the reason that it will mature a crop of hay in 60 days, and ripen seed in 70 to 80 days. It is of a fine green color and is of superior quality for feeding. Stands heat and drouth to a remarkable degree—in fact, being so very early it largely escapes drouths. Owing to its great "stooling" quality it requires only 12 pounds of seed per acre for hay or seed. It is undoubtedly the finest cheap forage ever introduced, and having a large heavy seed it is unsurpassed for poultry and bird feed. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 35c.; 3 lbs., \$1.00. By express not prepaid, peck, 90c.; bushel, \$2.75.

Mammoth White Rye.

This wonderful New Rye has qualities which will commend it to every farmer. No matter where situated it will prove to be twice as valuable as the old variety. Mammoth White is an extra high yielding strain that stools so freely as to produce 12 heads from one seed. Valuable for grain and makes the best early spring pasture for all kinds of stock. Will grow on any soil and make big yields. The land can hardly be too poor for it. Valuable for green manuring and soiling purposes. Used for a grain crop, its straw makes the best bedding and if carefully threshed sells at high prices for manufacturing purposes. It is also an excellent green manuring crop for turning under in the early spring. Sow at the rate of 1½ bushels per acre on poor land, 1 bushel on good land.

Price, by Mail postpaid, per oz., 10c.; lb., 30c.; 3 lbs., 65c.; 7 lbs., \$1.25.

By express or freight at buyers expense. Peck, 60c.; bushel, \$2.00; 3 bushels \$5.00.

New Winter Wheat, Red Wave.

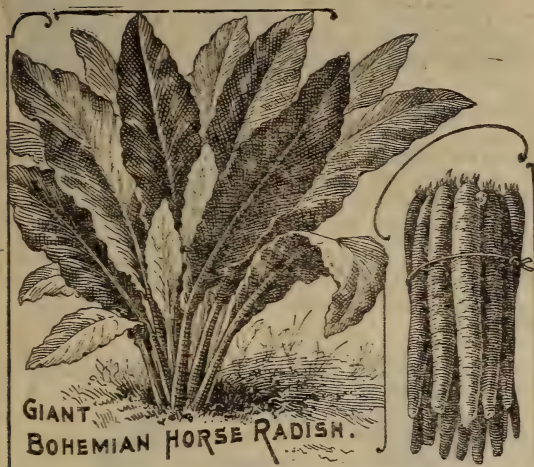
This is the most productive Wheat yet grown, as one of unsurpassed hardiness and of great drought resisting qualities. With all the essential points of value. Most any farmer can about double his wheat crop per acre with Red Wave. It has been thoroughly tested all over the country and indorsed by hundreds of growers. Very vigorous and healthy, standing 3 to 5 feet high with beardless beads both large and long and filled with beautiful amber grains.

Price, by Mail postpaid, oz., 10c.; lb., 30c.; 3 lbs., 75c.; 7 lbs., \$1.50.

By express or freight at buyers expense. Per peck 75c.; bushel \$2.50; 3 bushels \$7.00. Both Wheat and Rye can be supplied now. New crop ready in August.

Superior Vegetable Plants and Roots.

We would like to call special attention to all of these. They are very fine.



Giant Bohemian Horse Radish.

A valuable recent introduction of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is a much more rapid grower than the old variety in general use and is therefore ready for use a great deal earlier. Its large, white roots may be raised in any soil, and, when planted in rows, may be harvested like potatoes. The quality of this Horse Radish is far superior to the old variety in strength and piquancy. Sets or roots, which will make an enormous growth the first summer, 3 for 30c.; 12 for 75c.; 100 for \$5.00.



New Sweet Potato, Early Triumph.

The finest all around Sweet Potato and is so early it can be grown in the North. Ripens in 60 days from the time of setting the plants. Tubers, large, oval, oblong, very handsome. Flesh creamy yellow and extra fine quality, dry and highly flavored. Tubers keep very late, in this respect superior to any other. Vine short, dense and vigorous. Plant in warm sandy soil if possible, and it will succeed anywhere in the North. We can supply green plants any time after May first. We will have vigorous vines ready for planting out end of May. Green plants (May to July) 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00; 30 for \$2.00.

Onion Sets.

We have a most excellent stock of very fine Onion Sets this season, which we feel sure our customers will find highly satisfactory. Price prepaid. Pint, 20c.; quart, 35c. By express collect, peck, \$1.25; bushel, \$3.50.

We can supply either Red, Yellow or White Sets.

Asparagus Roots.

We offer fine roots of two best sorts as follows:

Palmetto or Mammoth—\$1.00 per 100; \$5.00 per 1000.

Giant Emperor—For full description and cut see page 43. 60c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100.

Giant Winter Rhubarb.

Grows to cooking size in 3 months or less from seed or roots. See page 71.



Helianti.

A very showy flower and a new winter vegetable—a complete substitute for fresh Asparagus. Yields half as much again as Irish Potatoes.

This new hybrid plant is of the Sunflower and Artichoke family, producing showy golden yellow flowers like Cosmos blossoms in endless profusion, and immense quantities of fleshy tubers, that are splendid eating fall, winter and spring. It stands both heat and cold and will thrive anywhere in any soil or climate, and as a flower it is very showy.

CULTURE—Plant tubers in spring or fall three feet apart each way in rows and hill up the same as Potatoes. Harvest the tubers during fall, winter or spring as needed. The yield is something enormous. Absolutely hardy.

AS A FLOWERING PLANT—It is probably more valuable as a flower than as a vegetable. During Aug. and Sept. it is certainly wonderful and hardly excelled by our famous Rudbeckia Golden Glow.

FOOD VALUE—As a hog or cattle food Helianti is far superior to anything else but as a table vegetable it must rank high, being tender and palatable, more easily digested than potatoes, and remarkably free from starch.

Dr. Koch, a well known German food specialist, gives the following figures as units of food value:

Helianti	540.5	Turnips	133.0
Green Peas	465.0	Potatoes	126.8

This interesting comparison needs no comment.

ORIGIN—The true origin of Helianti we do not know. It is said to be a hybrid between *Helianthus doronicoides* and *H. decapetalus*.

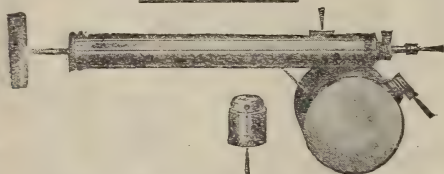
Its taste is difficult to describe. It resembles somewhat the French artichoke and asparagus with a distinct flavor of mushroom. May be cooked in many ways, like potatoes, asparagus, cauliflower, oyster plant, squash, etc. Cut and fried the tubers excel French fried potatoes. The green stalks are fine food for cattle and may be cut repeatedly during the growing season. Helianti will give great satisfaction both as a flower and vegetable.

Helianti Pink-Tubered—Flowers golden yellow, large and fine, in dense masses, fully as showy as Rudbeckia Golden Glow. It begins to bloom Aug. 1st. Roots short, thick and rounded at the end, plump, crisp and sweet. One of the finest vegetables and most showy flowers of our garden. Fine tubers. 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.; 100 for \$2.00.



A Fine Plant Sprinkler. THE LENOX ATOMIZER.

With this new atomizer a fine spray may be thrown under, over, or upon the foliage of any plant or shrub, thoroughly drenching the same and removing dust and insects. Clear water or any kind of liquid Insecticide or Poison may be applied with it. It is not only the most effective, convenient and durable, but the cheapest of all atomizers. It is available for house plants, garden plants, vegetables, shrubs, small trees, fruits, etc. For sprinkling clothes it is worth its weight in gold. 50c. each, postpaid.



The Continuous Sprayer.

Capacity about one quart. Tin Pump and Galvanized or Copper Reservoir.

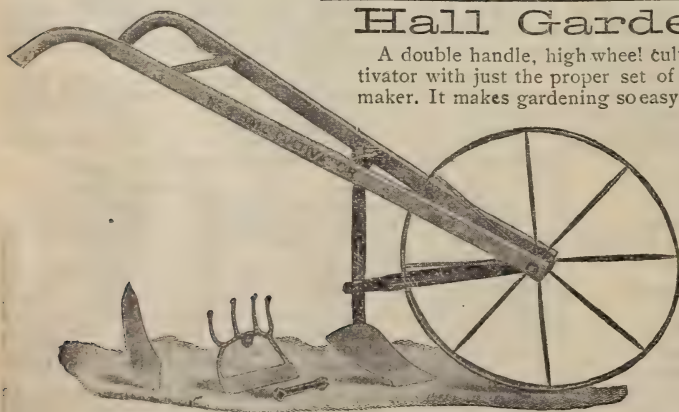
Will handle all solutions. Entire front removable—permits syphon tube to be withdrawn for cleaning. Screw caps reinforced with thumb levers.—easy to turn. Two spray caps, one straight, the other at an angle for reaching under leaves. Pump cylinder treated by a special process and is non-corrosive where it comes in contact with solution.

We offer this as the most improved machine of its type, and the only one which is entirely satisfactory.

Price Prepaid, \$1.25.

The Transplanting Trowel.

This new tool is the finest thing for garden work we have ever seen. For transplanting, lifting or setting plants or bulbs, it has no equal. We are so much pleased with it that we have arranged to supply them to our customers by mail, postpaid, at 25 cents each.



Hall Garden Cultivator—Oak handles. Complete with five tools and wrench. Weight, 21 pounds. Price, \$3.50. By freight or express at buyer's expense. We will ship either from Floral Park, or from the factory in Iowa, whichever is nearest the buyer.

Paper Flower Pots.

Here we offer Flower Pots made from Naponset Waterproof Fabrics. They are very light, durable, unbreakable, cheap, and of terra-cotta color. Just the pots for growing small plants and seedlings.

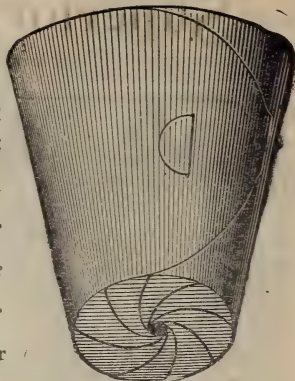
Size, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches, 25c. per dozen; per 100, \$1.00.

Size, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, 30c. per dozen; per 100, \$1.25.

Size, 3 inches, 35c. per dozen; per 100, \$1.50.

Size, 4 inches, 50c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100.

By mail, postpaid, at above prices.



Hall Dandelion Puller.

Patented clog proof claw gets the root without tearing up the lawn. Kills dandelions once for all—the only weed-er that does not leave the lawn looking worse than it did with the weeds. Long handle eliminates need of getting upon hands and knees. Polished steel blade. Lasts a lifetime. Guaranteed.

Price, blade without handle, 50c. With handle, 75c. prepaid. Anyone can fit a handle to the blade, an old broom handle being just the thing.

Readeana--Rose Bug Exterminator.

"Readeana" may be diluted with from 15 to 60 parts of water. It is a scientific prevention, that is sure death to the destructive Rose Bug, and an occasional spraying will keep all kinds of our door plants free from all sorts of insects.

Prices, by mail postpaid: 8 oz. can, 50c.; 1 pint can, \$1.00; $\frac{1}{2}$ gal., \$3.00.

Full directions on package for diluting and using.

Hall Garden Cultivator

A double handle, high wheel cultivator, with all tool combinations. Here's a cultivator with just the proper set of tools and the right price for the average garden maker. It makes gardening so easy and saves so much time that every garden maker will eventually own one. A combination tool for all kinds of garden work from plowing and planting to the last cultivation. The high 24-inch wheel makes pushing easy. It rides the clods and keeps the plow steady. The wheel is extra heavy and strong. It has a heavy steel rim that won't dent, and oval shaped steel spokes one-half inch wide. Does away with the back breaking drudgery of hoeing and weeding. One man with a HALL CULTIVATOR can accomplish as much work as five men with hoes. Besides it turns the soil from a greater depth, affording better cultivation.

Easy Adjustment—By unloosening one wing-nut, without use of wrench, the handles can be adjusted to proper working height for the operator.

Aphine

*The Insecticide that kills
Plant Lice of every species*

APHINE. A concentrated liquid readily soluble in water, and will destroy green, black, white fly, thrips, mealy bug, red spider, and soft scales. It can be applied to tender foliage and is an excellent cleanser for decorative stock. It can be used as a spray, dip or washing solution in the house and in the garden. An excellent remedy to keep your flowers, vegetables and fruits free from insect pests. Used at an average strength of one part Aphine to thirty parts water. Prices postpaid. Half pint, 50c.; quart, \$1.25; gallon, \$3.50.

VERMINE. A germicide for all soil vermin. It can be used on house plants and in the garden and is applied at the strength of one part to four hundred parts water by thoroughly soaking the ground. It will protect your plants against the ravages under the soil. Prices postpaid, half pint, 50c.; quart, \$1.25; gallon, \$4.00.

The above products are universally used by commercial and private growers of reputation and are especially adapted for the amateur.



A NEW INSECTICIDE OF GREAT VALUE.

**The Most Convenient to Use and
The Surest of All Insect Killers.**

It is with great pleasure that we offer this, the greatest or all compounds for destroying insects of every kind and description. It is a paste, a teaspoonful of which is dissolved in a pint of warm water (or a tablespoonful in a quart of water). With this water the infested plants are sprayed, washed, syringed or sprinkled. It kills every insect with which it comes in contact, on the spot; also, their eggs and larvae. Those which escape its touch die afterwards, by feeding upon the plant which has been syringed. Though so destructive to all insect life, it is non-poisonous and harmless to vegetation when diluted as directed. It dissolves quickly and readily in cold water. It is a great discovery and is absolutely sure death to every form of insect life at touch. Price, in 12-ounce cans, postpaid, 50c.; 3 cans, \$1.40.



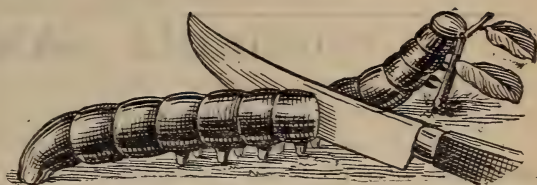
"BONORA"

**THE GREATEST PLANT FOOD
EVER DISCOVERED**

Results from only one or two applications are beyond description. It will make plants bloom that have never flowered before. Plants that are withered, yellow and almost dead will become vigorous and thrifty by using "Bonora." This wonderful discovery is good for all living plants, indoors or out, lawns, shrubbery, vegetables, fruit and shade trees, etc. It invigorates, promotes the growth, increases the crop and causes it to mature earlier, producing a lasting and healthy growth. It encourages and retains moisture, thus enabling the plant to withstand drouth. Sold in condensed form and is used by dissolving in water.

Trial Size Making Nearly 5 gals., Only 20c. Postpaid.
12 oz., Package Making 20 gal., 50c. "
5 lb. " 140 Gallons for \$3.00. "

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS Floral Park, N. Y.



Warneke Cutworm Food.

This is sure death to cutworms that are often so annoying and disastrous.

It Is Simple and Easy To Use. It consists of a material that is more delicious and is much more preferred by the CUTWORM than the plants themselves. It is sprinkled on the ground around the plant just as it is found in the package. For plants started from seed, it is applied as soon as the first plants break ground; for plants started in a seed bed, it is applied just after setting, such as Tomatoes, Cabbage, Egg Plants, Cauliflower, Tobacco and Flowers. 12 oz., trial package 30c.; 2 1/2 lb., package 85c. postpaid.

Hammond's Slug Shot.

Used from Ocean to Ocean. A light, composite, fine powder, easily distributed either by duster, bellows, or in water by spraying. Thoroughly reliable in killing Currant Worms, Potato Bugs, Cabbage Worms, Chicken Lice, Slugs, Sow Bugs, etc., and it is also strongly impregnated with fungicides. Prices postpaid, 12 oz., can 25c.; 5 lb. bag, 90c.; 125 lb. keg, by freight, at buyers expense \$8.00.

Hammond's Grape Dust.

A readily diffusible, light weight powder, Fungicide, very efficient in destroying Mildews and in preventing Blights in greenhouses or in the open; also destroying the Aphid and Black Fly. Prices postpaid, 12 oz., can 25c.; 5 lb. bag, 90c.; 100 lb., keg by freight, at buyers expense, \$7.00.

Walker's Excelsior Plant Food.

The Essence of Plant Life.



It is an odorless preparation, combining in a concentrated and soluble form every element required in plants and flowers to produce vigorous growth and a profusion of flowers and fruit. Wonderful results are obtained, after one or two applications. It is immediately soluble in water, and available to plant life from the moment used.

Walkers' Excelsior Plant Food is valuable for all living plants, lawns, garden, shrubbery, fruit and trees. It assists in retaining moisture, will mature plants from two to three weeks earlier. Where the plant food has been used Boll Weevil, cut worms, wire worms rarely live. Sold in powdered form and may be used dry or by dissolving in water.

Prices Postpaid, small size, 2 1/2 oz. net. 15c.
" " 12 oz. net. 45c.

GLADIOLI GANDAVENSIS.

These are the glorious old favorites that have stood the test of time and comparison against all new comers.

The following 7 sorts are 5 cts. each; 50c. per dozen; \$3.50 per 100; \$30.00 per 1000.

Augusta—Lovely pure white, with blue anthers.

Brenchleyensis—Vermilion-scarlet; fine old variety. Very brilliant and showy, especially for cutting and vases.

Ceres—Pure white, spotted with purplish rose.

Emma Thursby—White; striped and blotched.

Madame Monneret—Delicate rose; a most beautiful flower, and fine form.

May—A lovely pure white, finely flaked rosy crimson. One of the freshest, clearest and most pleasing colors in any variety.

De Lamarck—Fine cherry-red, rich and brilliant.

The collection of 7 for 30c.



The following 10 sorts are 10c. each;
3 for 25c.; 80c. per dozen;
or \$6.00 per 100.

Canary Bird—Beautiful clear canary yellow.

Dr. Hogg—Mauve, suffused rose, white center.

Eugene Scribe—Tender rose, blazed carmine-red.

Glory of Brightwood—Scarlet, with lemon throat. Very brilliant, and striking.

Isaac Buchanan—Extra fine yellow.

Lemon Drop—Light lemon with bright yellow throat. Finely tinted with crimson.

Le Poussin—Light red, white blotch.

Octoroon—Fine salmon pink, a very distinct and beautiful color.

Sunshine—Tall spike with 20 or more flowers. Fine yellow, striped.

Shakespeare—White and soft rose. Large flower of most exquisite shape. A superb old favorite.

The collection of 10 for 75c.

Choice Gladiolus, Cannas, Dahlias, Lilies

The following pages are devoted to our superb Gladiolus, Cannas, Dahlias, Lilies, glorious New Amaryllis, and a few other rare bulbs.

THE GLADIOLUS.

For 20 years we have been the largest growers of Gladiolus in the world and our stocks are recognized the world over as being the largest, choicest, and best. We have had customers in Europe order a million bulbs at one time. We have sold in a single season a million bulbs of Gladiolus America alone. On our Flowerfield Estate we grow several hundred acres of Gladiolus, practically the world's supply, and in quantity, quality, and prices we are not to be outdone.

The Gladiolus is the most satisfactory, the most desirable and the most popular of all garden bulbs. Nothing else of the kind costs so little, and nothing else grows and blooms so rapidly for anybody and everybody, in any soil or climate. It is, in short, the most satisfactory garden flower, thriving and blooming, as it does, with the least care and attention, and makes a display which for brilliancy and beauty of coloring few bulbs can equal and none surpass.

CULTURE—Gladiolus are of easy culture. Plant at any time from April to July, in any fairly good soil, well spaded. Set in rows three inches apart, or in masses, four inches apart each way. Plant in full sun, if possible, and keep down weeds. After fall frosts, lift the bulbs, remove the tops, and let them dry a few weeks under cover. Then, after removing the roots, store them in a cellar, or any cool, dry place, away from frost, for planting again in spring.



Our Superb Mixed Gladiolus.

Our mixed Gladiolus are not the poor dull colors, old discarded red sorts and worthless seedlings usually sent out as mixtures. On the contrary they are made up from splendid named sorts, brightest and most varied colors, white, yellow, pink, rose, blush, intense scarlet, carmine, violet, striped, blotched, variegated, etc. Common and poor sorts have been discarded and this mixture is the highest grade. **Gandavensis, Mixed All Colors**—Large flowering bulbs. 25c. per dozen; \$1.75 per 100; \$15.00 per 1000.

Childsi Mixed, All Colors—30c. per dozen; \$2.25 per 100; \$20.00 per 1000.

Childsi Mammoth Flowered Mixed—A mixture of the largest flowered named sorts of Childsi. Dozen 60c.; \$4.50 per 100.

Pink and White Mixed—An exquisite mixture of all pink and white colors. 40c. per doz.; \$3.00 per 100.

Yellow and Orange Mixed—All fine yellow, orange and lemon shades. 75c. per dozen; \$5.50 per 100.

Scarlet and Red Mixed—All bright colors, 30c. per dozen; \$2.25 per 100.

Mixed, Blue Hybrids—A new strain, a large per cent, of which are various shades of blue. \$1.00 per dozen.

Lemoinei Mixed—Fine mixed sorts in all colors. 25c. per doz.; \$1.75 per 100; \$15.00 per 1000.

Primulinus Hybrids—New and distinct. See page 83. \$1.00 per dozen; \$7.00 per 100.

FLORAL PARK HYBRID GLADIOLUS.

These are all hybrids between the finest of Gandavensis, Childsi and Lemoinei, and flowers will show characteristics of them all. There are a good many rich blue and purple shades, large flowers and strong growth like the Childsi with the vivid tints and variations of Lemoinei. This is absolutely the finest mixture of Gladiolus ever offered. Every one is worthy of a name. 60c. per dozen; \$4.50 per 100.



GLADIOLUS CHILDSI THE KING OF SUMMER-FLOWERING BULBS.

Tall and erect, standing four and five feet high, with spikes of bloom over two feet in length. The flowers are of great size frequently seven to nine inches across. The form of both flowers and spike is perfection itself, and they last in bloom a long time before fading, owing to their great substance and vigor, but the most remarkable feature is the coloring. Orchids cannot surpass them in their varied and delicate shades, markings and blendings. Every color known among Gladiolus is represented, and many never before seen, particularly blues, smoky grays and purple blacks, all having beautifully mottled throats, made up of white, crimson, pink, yellow, etc., and in this peculiar network or charming spots and colors lies one of its special points of unsurpassed beauty. They outrank all other Gladiolus in size of spike, size of bloom, vigor, varied and magnificent coloring and freedom of bloom.

The following varieties at 10c. each; any 3 for 25c.; 90c. per doz.; \$7.00 per 100; one each of 25 fine sorts for \$3.00.

- Brilliant**—Beautiful orange-red with carmine and white throat. Superior to all other scarlets.
- Boston**—Flaming orange-scarlet, with white throat.
- Bowdoin**—Very large flower, light orange-scarlet, with large, pure white throat. Very exquisite.
- Buffalo**—A fine combination and mottling of different shades of red.
- Compacta**—Large flower, very compact. Wide spike, Rosy blush, slightly striped and mottled pink.
- Dawnray**—Elegant rose with large white center, spreading over all petals. Very distinct.
- Dr. Parkhurst**—A spike nearly three feet in length and bearing upwards of 25 flowers. Dark brilliant red, with an elegantly white mottled throat. A superb variety.
- Dr. Sellow**—Deep, rich rosy carmine slightly penciled darker. Petals and throat rayed white.
- Ethel**—Beautiful soft rose with white and crimson.
- Expansion**—Large widely expanded blossoms. White, pink and crimson freely mottled.
- Geo. B. Remsen**—Crimson and white intermixed.
- Henry Gillman**—Deep salmon-scarlet, with pure white bands; the throat showing peculiar mottlings.
- I. S. Hendrickson**—One of the very largest of all Gladiolus flowers, making an immense, wide spike. Color white marked, flaked and penciled bright pink.
- Irene**—Fine large flower and stalk. Color a fine shade of pink freely flaked bright crimson.
- Kate**—Blush white with crimson blotched throat.
- Lizzie**—White, tinged blush; violet crimson throat.
- Mohawk**—Deep dark pink with spotted throat, shaded orange and flaked with crimson.

- Mrs. W. N. Bird**—Beautiful lilac rose, crimson-white mottling in throat, and carmine marks. Extra fine.
- Nezinscott**—Bright blood scarlet, with deep velvety crimson black blotches and white mottlings.
- Portland**—Rosy-red, penciled darker, mottled throat.
- Spot**—White freely spotted with beautiful rose.
- Sunlight**—Light crimson, with large canary throat.
- Salem**—Fine salmon-pink, maroon blotches.
- Superb**—Enormous flower and spike, one of the very largest; pink, flaked and striped with salmon-pink.
- Wm. Falconer**—Beautiful clear pink.

Following varieties of *G. Childsi* 20c. each; any 3 for 50c.; \$1.75 per dozen. One each of the 26 sorts for \$3.00.

- Cardinal**—Perfect flower and spike, clearest and most intense cardinal scarlet yet seen. Very rich and showy.
- Dorothy Burnham**—Enormous size, rosy flame color with large pure white throat. Splendid.
- Fantastic**—Large flaming scarlet of a bright shade, freely penciled deep crimson.
- Governor McCormack**—Beautiful rose, mottled with silvery gray and with violet and white mottled throat. Very fine.
- Harlequine**—White and dark crimson freely suffused, striped and spotted.
- Jay**—Compact spike; large open flower of great substance. Bright crimson-pink, flamed darker.
- Little Violet**—Fine violet; compact spike.
- Lavender Queen**—Beautiful blending of lavender and lilac. Entirely new colors, very distinct.
- Lael**—Soft pink, with bright carmine throat, shaded orange and having a peculiar metallic lustre.
- L. Joerg**—Rich crimson and white. Compact.
- Marion**—Pure white and slight rose tinge and a distinctly yellow shaded throat with crimson bars.
- Mrs. La Mance**—White overspread with a slight lilac shadow, the mottling being purplish crimson.
- Melrose**—White flaked pink bright crimson centre. Very large and fine.
- Prescott**—Lovely flower, almost white, pink tinge and large bright purple throat. Exceedingly showy.
- Rosedale**—Lilac-rose, tinted slate-blue.
- St. Louis**—Very large flower of a splendid rose color.
- Splendor**—Splendid large flower, of the softest, sweetest rose color. Large magenta strains.
- Salmon**—A fine, rich, salmon pink.
- Torch-Light**—Very large spike of large, light, flaming scarlet flowers. Throat mottled and spotted white.
- Wyandanch**—Very light red. White throat.

The following fine *G. Childsi* are 5c. each; 50c. per doz.; the 8 for 35c.

Attraction—Deep, dark crimson pink, with a large pure white center free from mottling or sports making a most conspicuous and attractive contrast. The spike and flowers large, regular, and all facing one way.

Columbia—Light orange-scarlet, freely blotched and pencilled with bluish purple. Throat freely mottled.

Little Blush—Extra fine blush, compact spike.

Mrs. Francis King—Beautiful light scarlet. Flowers very large and showy. Spike tall and very graceful and charming. One of the most popular cut flower varieties.

Mayor—Fine large compact spike; rich purple rose.

Mrs. Beecher—Beautiful deep rosy-crimson. Large, well-opened flowers, with pure white throat.

F. L. Oakley—Large wide spreading flower, of a rich salmon-scarlet with large, showy pure white center.

Rosy Spray—A large and exquisite flower. Color almost pure white, beautifully sprayed with soft rose.



GLADIOLUS LEMOINEI.

The odd and fantastic markings of these Gladioli, and their beautiful shape, resemble the fantastic beauty of the Orchid. Yellow, crimson, white, brown, green, pink etc., are blended together producing an effect seen in no other flower. It is useless to attempt to describe their regal beauty. They must be seen. Besides their gay colors and odd markings, they bloom two or three weeks earlier and are in full perfection before others appear.

Atlas—Violet, large velvety maroon blotches.

Andre Chenier—Pink, spotted black and yellow.

Dandy—A fine blending of many colors.

Enfant De Nancy—Purplish red, finely blotched.

Easter—White tinted lemon, large crimson-center. Very early. Fine for pots to bloom at Easter.

Etendard—Light brick-red, with large canary blotches.

F. Bergman—Large orange-pink, with carmine stains.

Incendiary—Fiery red, large blotch of crimson.

Lamarck—Salmon, crimson and yellow spots.

Lafayette—Very large, yellowish salmon blotch.

Marie Lemoine—Pale creamy color, purplish red blotch.

Pactole—Creamy-yellow, blotched carmine.

10c. each; any 3 for 25c.; the 12 for 85c.; or 75c. per dozen; \$5.00 per 100.



New Gladioli For 1915.

The following all of our own introduction are offered now for the first time. It is the finest lot we have named and introduced at one time.

Anna—(Childsi)—Orange pink with yellow throat. Good spike.

Cincinnati—(Childsi)—A gorgeous flaming scarlet deep and rich, with maroon and grey mottled throat.

Conspicuous—(Childsi)—Beautiful clear light cardinal red, with large conspicuous white throat. A very attractive combination.

Clarat—(Childsi)—Rich clarat or purple red with conspicuous white stripes, on lower petals.

Geralda—(Gand.)—Deep bright rose, with conspicuous white ribs and throat beautiful spike, beautiful flower, and superb color.

Leslie—(Childsi)—Light delicate pink with rich crimson maroon blotches, pointed white.

Mrs. F. B. Fullerton—(Childsi)—Large flowers growing in a compact spike, rich ruby red, slightly pencilled darker, with big white blotches on four lower petals; very handsome and striking.

Osceola—(Childsi)—A tall fine spike of very light salmon red flowers with yellow and maroon throat.

Oneida—(Childsi)—Clear salmon pink throat, only slightly mottled. Good spike and flower.

Pink Pearl—(Childsi)—Medium flower and large compact spikes, beautiful shade of rich pink with maroon blotch in throat.

Ruby King—(Gand.)—Fine compact spike tall and graceful, flowers of great substance and of an intense dark ruby red, glowing with a peculiar richness; very fine indeed.

Richred—(Childsi)—Tall and handsome spikes with good size flowers of good form, and a rich deep blood red color.

Salmon King—(Gand.)—A glowing salmon, very bright, deep and showy, throat flamed crimson and white. Elegant spike and large fine flower.

Price 40c. each; any 3 for \$1.00; the 12 for \$4.00.

Gladioli Primulinus Hybrids.

(See Front Cover.)

Rare species from South Africa, growing to an immense height, very vigorous and long blooming. The flowers are somewhat hooded in form and possess the clearest tones and tints of color to be found. Lemon, primrose, orange, reddish or rusty browns, bright rose, etc., are shown in the most bewildering variety. The spikes are very tall and graceful, sometimes reaching the unprecedented height of 5 to 7 feet. They branch freely and a bed of them shows blooms for a period of two to three months. In truly aesthetic charm they lead, but they show to best advantage, not as single specimens, but in masses of a dozen or more.

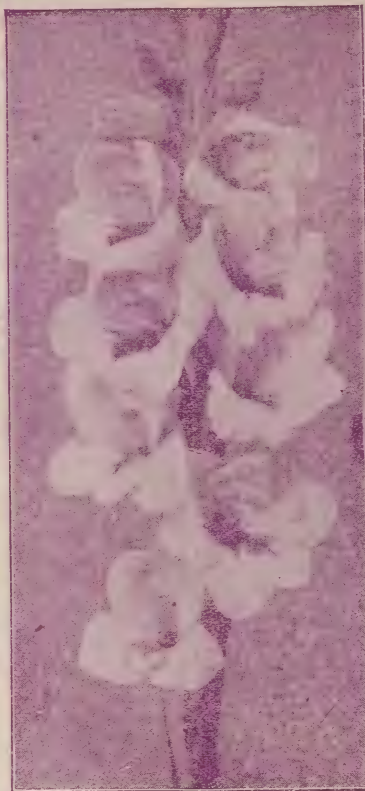
All Colors Mixed—A great variety, 10c. each: 3 for 25c.; 12 for 90c.; 100 for \$7.00.

Our Grandest New and Special Gladioli.

The following pages contain the newest, rarest and best Gladioli known to cultivation. Most of them are of our own naming and introduction. Some are of French origin; others American. In nearly all cases we possess the largest stocks and grow the world's supply.



NIAGARA.



KLONDIKE.



ALASKA.

6 Grandest Yellow Gladioli.

NIAGARA. New Giant Yellow.

In color the flowers are a delightful cream shade with the two lower inside petals or segments blending to canary yellow. The throat is spashed and tinted with carmine. The flower spike is very erect and stout and is wrapped with broad dark green foliage. This is destined to lead in the cream colored varieties. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

CANARY BIRD. The Canary Yellow.

Superb canary-yellow. Tall slender spike. One of the very best of its color. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 90c.

KLONDIKE. The Crimson and Gold.

Strong plant, blooming early, flowers round, well opened, of a clear primrose yellow, with blotch of vivid crimson-maroon. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 70c.; 100 for \$5.00.

SULPHUR KING. The Great Yellow.

Beautiful, clean, sulphur yellow, finest and clearest of yellow sort; without any doubt this is the very best yellow variety yet introduced. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.50.

SAFRANO. The Nankeen Yellow.

Long spike; large, slightly fringed flowers of a delicate nankeen-yellow; center currant-red and stripes of the same color. Very handsome. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per doz.

SUNBURST. New and Fine Canary Yellow.

Flaked and striped scarlet. 25c. each; \$2.50 per dozen.

One each of the 6 for \$1.00.

7 Finest White Gladioli.

ALINE. A Grand Tulip-Flowered White.

Large wide open flower, tall graceful spikes, pure white slightly striped crimson and pink. Extra fine in every way. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00; 12 for \$2.00.

ALASKA. Newest and Finest White.

Offered three years ago for the first time. A pure white Childs variety having a strong constitution and producing long spikes of well formed flowers. 50c. each; \$5.00 per doz.

BLANCHE. The Giant White Childs.

Enormous flower and spike, very largest pure white variety. Exceedingly grand and exquisite from every point of view. 25c. each; \$2.50 per doz.; \$20.00 per 100.

PEACE. The Feathered White.

Flowers are large, of good form, correctly placed on a heavy straight spike. Beautiful white, with pale lilac feathering on interior of petals. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

SNOW KING. The Whitest White.

New this year. An improved Augusta and the whitest sort yet, as it has no pink tinge at any time or under any conditions. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

SILVER SHEEN. Glittering White.

A fine white Childs variety the petals of which have the appearance of being overlaid with a coat of glistening silver. Very fine and effective. 50c. each; 5 for \$2.00.

White Queen. The Branching.

Very strong grower, one bulb often producing 2 or 3 flower stems. Long spike; flowers of middle size, with the exception of a very small purple streak at the bottom of the throat, the flower is of a perfectly pure white color. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00; \$3.00 per dozen.

One each of the 7 for \$2.00.



5 Fine Blue Gladioli.

BARON HULOT. The dark blue.

Long graceful spikes of good sized, well opened flowers, having a rich indigo blue color. It stands alone as a unique and beautiful shade, and never fails to attract attention. We can strongly recommend it, and fortunately our stock is very large and price low. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 90c.

LE VERRIER. The Velvety Blue.

Blue with large rich velvety violet crimson blotches bordered light yellow, slender growth, wide spreading flower. 30c. each.

VIOLA. Violet blue.

Lovely deep violet blue, of Lemoinei type, vigorous and strong. 20c. each; \$2.00 per dozen.

BADENIA. The great blue Childsi.

Very large well open flower, large spike, clear, distinct sky-blue. Very fine in every way. \$3.00 each.

BLUE JAY. Tall Imposing Spike.

Flowers large, wide spreading on long fine spike. Color beautiful deep blue with bright crimson throat and large conspicuous canary yellow blotches spotted blue. This combination is exceedingly odd and beautiful. True Childsi type and large size. \$1.25 each.

The 5 sorts for \$4.25.

THREE EXTRA EARLY SORTS.

MORNING STAR. Earliest to Bloom.

Absolutely the earliest of all Gladioli. Snowy white with a large rich velvety crimson throat. Exceedingly striking and beautiful. 20c. each; 12 for \$2.00.

JESSIE. The Graceful Early Scarlet.

Extra long spike of a fine velvety cardinal-scarlet color. Extra showy and a great improvement over all popular scarlets. It is very early, blooming with Morning Star, the two making a graceful and well matched pair. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.; 100 for \$5.00.

Capt. C. B. Tanner. The big Early Pink.

Extra large and fine. Brilliant rosy-pink flaked and mottled crimson. 10 each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 90c.

One each of the 3 extra early sorts for 30c.



Splendid New Miller Gladioli.

The following remarkable new sorts we are offering for the first time. They came to us a year ago when we purchased the entire stocks, (hundreds of kinds and millions of Bulbs) of Mr. E. S. Miller, a well known grower and originator. They represent the best of his life's work with Gladioli.

All-a-Glow—Large, rich, blood-scarlet flowers, having a long, narrow throat flame of ruby on two lower petals; growth dwarf, stocky and branching. A free bloomer and showy bedder.

Captivation—Large, cream colored flowers with throat tints of garnet, and a large, light yellow blotch on each of the 3 lower petals; splendid upright spike, well filled.

Charmer—Large, broad-petalled flowers of soft mauve pink blending off lighter in the throat which is pencilled carmine-lake with a large blotch of same color on the central lower petal.

Cynosure—Immense flowers of exquisite deep rose-pink marked on the lower petals with a throat blotch of crimson-lake; tall, sturdy well filled spike.

Dazzler—Magnificent large Princeps-like flowers of vivid salmon-scarlet with throat blotch on the lower petals of red-orange further ornamented with carmine-lake flakes; fine long spike, well filled.

Enchantress—Blush-white, lightly flaked with lake-pink toward the margins; throat encircled on the lower petals with carmine-lake blotch; a dusting of golden bronze zoning the blotch is unique.

Flambeau—Immense flowers of vivid orange-scarlet with an effective throat blotch of white shaded and marked with tyrian-lake on the lower petals; strong grower and free bloomer.

Gaiety—Immense Amaryllis-like flowers; 4 inches across with broad round petals of carmine-rose overlaid with a glowing orange sheen, a large white blotch ornaments each of the three lower petals; growth branching, sturdy and upright.

Gleam—Large flowers of bright cherry-rose slightly lined with carmine-lake at the throat on lower petals; the sturdy well filled spikes stand up well; very effective.

Gorgeous—Immense, Nancianus-like flowers of vivid scarlet, with large, strongly contrasting silvery white throat blotched on the three lower petals; tall upright, well filled spike.

Lustrous—Large flowers of lovely orange-rose; lower petals have a large throat blotch of yellow, slightly shot with purplish lake; growth, stocky and branching; enormous bloomer.

Radiance—A grand, big pink—immense flowers of a charming tone of rose-pink slightly flamed with deeper lake-pink; splendidly filled "stand up" spike.

Winsome—Great round flowers of exquisite blush, shot and shaded with carmine-pink. A conspicuous throat blotch of crimson-lake ornaments each of the lower petals sturdy, upright spike.

Price, 40c. each; any 3 for \$1.00, the 13 for \$4.00.

**AMERICA.—THE PEERLESS CHILDS.**

Named and introduced by us seven years ago.

AMERICA. The Peer of all Gladioli.

Without an exception America is the most beautiful and useful Gladiolus yet introduced. Strong and healthy, with luxuriant dark-green foliage. Flower spikes two to three feet long, erect with a great number of large spreading blossoms. Color exquisite soft lavender pink, the same as seen in the most beautiful Cattleya Orchids. No color like it in any other Gladioli; none so beautiful. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.; 50 for \$2.00; 100 for \$3.50; 1000 for \$30.00.

CARDINAL. The Glowing Childs.

Intense cardinal scarlet, rich and glowing to a wonderful degree. 20c. each; \$2.00 per dozen.

CRACKER JACK. The Rich Red.

Large flowers rich, velvety dark red; throat spotted with yellow and dark maroon, a beautiful variety. 10c. each; \$1.00 per dozen.

CHARLEMAGNE. The Massive.

Very large opened flowers on massive spikes; color sunrise-red, flaked darker, marked with large creamy-white blotches, densely dotted with purple-carmine. 50c. each.

**LE TRIOMPHE.**
(See Next Page.)

CONTRAST. The Scarlet and White.

Flowers of great substance and a beautiful compact spike of perfect form. Color intense scarlet with a large, distinct, pure white center which is neither tinted nor mottled. One of the most striking and beautiful Gladioli ever introduced. 40c. each; \$4.00 per dozen.

ESCARBOUCLE. The White Banded.

Handsome well-opened flowers of good substance, dark carmine-red, verging to grenade, pure white band and blood-red blotch on lower petals. 40c. each; \$4.00 per doz.

EUCHARIS. The Blush.

Large well-opened flowers on long spikes, of a delicate blush white, blotched slightly deeper; a charming, dainty coloring. 40c. each; \$4.00 per dozen.

FASCINATOR. The Big Salmon-Pink.

Magnificent salmon-pink flamed with carmine, blush throat with lake penciling; very large flowers and tall well filled spike. 25c. each; \$2.50 per dozen.

FIREFLARE. The Flame.

Bright, soft salmon-rose, with beautifully marked and rayed center. Flowers large, perfect and of great substance. Spikes stout, compact, perfect in form. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

FLORENCE. The Lilac and White.

Delicate lilac with white center. Very large and fine. 40c. each; \$4.00 per dozen.



NIGERFURST

The Black Gladioli.



GLORY



PRINCE OF INDIA

FIREKING. The Flaming Scarlet.

Long graceful spikes showing half a dozen immense blooms open at the same time. Color intense fire scarlet. More brilliant than Brenchleyensis, Cardinal, Mrs. Francis King or any other variety. It is perfectly grand, and will become the leading cut-flower variety of its color. 25c. each; \$2.50 per dozen.

FIREFLUSH. The Fiery Tinged.

Deep brilliant salmon with a fiery tinge, and rich velvety maroon center. Very brilliant. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

GLARE. A Truly Glaring Color.

Compact spike of large size and perfect form. Intense scarlet, with a bright violet-blue throat. 40c. each.

GLORY. New Fluted, and Ruffled.

Each lower petal is exquisitely ruffled and fluted. Stalks grow from 4 to 5 feet tall, very robust and produces from 8 to 12 massive beautiful flowers, which expand wide open and are delicate cream pink with a neat crimson stripe through the center of each lower petal. A very beautiful and quite distinct flower, while the plant is one of the most robust we have ever seen. Bound to become very popular. 10c. each; \$1.00 per dozen.

GRANDESSE. The Grand.

Tall spike of large flowers of a peculiar upright orocroos like form. Color lilac pink freely flaked. 10c. each; \$1.00 per dozen.

HUNCHBACK. The Crooked.

Deep, lilac-crimson, with large, yellowish-white center. Flowers very handsome but spike grotesquely crooked. While the color is odd and pleasing, the spike is more curious than beautiful. Lemoinei. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

JANE DIEULAFOY. The Superb.

A large fine creamy white flower, with large salmon maroon stains. Very conspicuous and beautiful. 20c. each; \$2.00 per dozen.

KONIGIN WILHELMINIA. Extra Large Flower.

Color soft pink with delicate red flakes. 50c. each; \$5.00 per dozen.

LA LUNA. The Exquisite Primrose.

The large heavy buds open as pale yellow, changing to nearly white when expanded. Splendid. 50c. each; 3 for \$1.25.

LE TRIOMPHE. The Rose and Lilac.

Splendid spike; very large flowers, from 4 to 5 inches, well-expanded, rosy-lilac, striped with carmine-red; white blotch. Variety of great merit. 60c. each; 3 for \$1.50.

LYDIA. The Variable White and Pink.

Immense flowers and spike. Color a fantastic mottling of pinkish white and deep rich crimson, in some flowers the white predominating and in others the crimson; no two alike. 10c. each; \$1.00 per dozen.

MRS. FRANK PENDLETON. The Blotched.

Immense sized flower, delicate salmon pink, with blood red blotch in throat. Certificates of merit. 40c. each; \$4.00 per dozen.

MEPHISTOPHELES. The Grotesque.

Very bright and rich velvety scarlet with a zone of sulphur-yellow circling all six petals and showing outside as well as inside. Throat dark velvety crimson-black, shading into the yellow zone with spots and mottling. Most grotesquely showy. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.75; 100 for \$10.00.

MONSTER. The Immense.

Largest of Gladioli, in both spike and flower. Color a glorious spike. 50c. each; \$5.00 per dozen.



MARC MICHELI. Lilac and Yellow.

Very pale lilac; two of the petals almost covered with violet blotch, ended with a yellow line. 25c. each; \$2.50 per dozen.

MRS. F. M. LUPTON. The Delicate Rose.

A distinct light rose, equal to Panama or America. Large, wide-spreading flower and long perfect spike. 40c. each; \$4.00 per dozen.

NEGERFURST. The Black.

Very dark blood black, with velvety black spots, inflamed with white and flaked lilac-rose. A very odd, beautiful color, long graceful spike and robust free habit. 60c. each; \$6.00 per dozen.

NORMA DEE CHILDS. The Delicate Shaded.

Extra large flower and spike. Color delicate white, softly penciled with rose and with large sulphur yellow throat. Perfectly exquisite and distinct. 60c. each; 6 for \$3.00.

PRINCE OF INDIA. The Wonderful Bizzare.

One the most famous of the Childs group which we introduced a few years ago. Its varied and fantastic coloring is indeed startling. Color varies from light to deep smoky-gray, many of the petals being zoned and banded; and freely penciled with dark slaty-blue with a flaming crimson throat which is profusely mottled with white. A most remarkable mixture of colors and one of great oddity and beauty. 50c. each; \$5.00 per dozen.

PANAMA. The Newest Pink.

Banning's new seedling of "America" which resembles that variety in every way except it is much deeper rose-pink. A grand variety. Awarded "First Class Certificates" everywhere. 40c. each; \$4.00 per dozen.

PRINCEPS. The Amaryllis-flowered.

Rich crimson with very deep shadings in throat, and magnificent large white blotches on lower petals. Flowers as large and fine as an Amaryllis, and probably the most magnificent sort as to size and beauty. Blooms for a long time. Like America we have the largest stock of this in the world. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 90c.; 100 for \$6.00.

RARERAY. The Rare Colored.

Large, wide-spreading flower of a rare bright lilac pink with carmine flaked throat. It is a very rare and most beautiful and desirable shade of color. 50c. each; \$5.00 per doz.



WILD ROSE.

SCARSDALE. The Big Violet.

Large spike and flower. Superb violet. 10c. each; \$1.00 per dozen.

SANS PAREIL. The Marvelous Colored.

Perfect spike; very large flowers, 4 to 5 inches, of a bright orange-rose, slightly striped with vermillion; large white blotch. We consider this one of the most striking varieties we have tested. \$1.50 each; \$15.00 per dozen.

SOUTHAMPTON. The Big.

An immense spike of large flowers. Color a soft orange-rose, sometimes slightly flaked. White bars 50c. each.

SILVRETTA. The Late Beauty.

Creamy white with carmine blotches on lower petals, spike strong and tall. Blooms later than most sorts. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.10; \$4.00 per dozen.

SHEDOWA. The Mottled Pink.

Soft, delicate pink exquisitely marked. Enormous spike and large, wide-spreading flower. 40c. each.

SCRIBE. The Variable Ruffled.

Tinted white, streaked and variegated fine crimson; sometimes crimson varied with white; frequently these beautiful variations will show in the same spike. 10c. each; \$1.00 per dozen.

VARIABLES. The Variable.

Flowers range in color from dull deep pink, flaked with blue-black, to a solid blue-black color of smoky hue, varying greatly. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

WILD ROSE. The Delicate Tinged.

Very bright rose or blush tint, exceedingly delicate and pretty. 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen; \$10.00 per 100.

CANNAS--We Grow 20 Acres of These.

The very finest varieties only. Out of a thousand kinds, these we offer are the very best.

Cannas are now the most popular and most magnificent of all summer blooming plants for brilliant bedding and massing. We have selected these varieties we offer after careful tests of hundreds of sorts, and our customers can rely upon them as being the most magnificent and desirable in every respect, combining large flowers of great brilliancy with beautiful foliage, free blooming and easy growing qualities.

Banana-Leaved Cannas.

The following three Cannas are grown for the beauty of their rich luxuriant foliage.

Musafolia—This is the finest foliage Canna yet seen, with enormous Musa-like leaves, 3x5 feet, of a dark green, bronze-tinted color, the edge of the leaves being beautifully banded with bronze-purple. In size and beauty of foliage it is a revelation, and makes a clump or single specimen plant for the lawn which no other foliage plant can approach. Attains a height of eight feet, beautiful and symmetrical at every stage of growth. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; \$1.50 per doz.

Black Musafolia—Like the above, but with maroon black leaves. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; \$1.50 per dozen.

Rainbow—Each leaf is beautifully variegated with pink, scarlet, orange, gray, green, etc. The foliage keeps its color all through the season; either for open ground or pots. In habit of growth it is superb. It hardly reaches the height of 3 feet, and is compact, with numerous leaves, which are wide, wavy, and graceful. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Giant Orchid-Flowered Cannas.

These are the tall growing sorts with immense blooms of great beauty and known as Italian Cannas.

Allemania—Enormous flowers, 6 inches across, petals $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide. Bright yellow and orange-crimson, beautifully spotted and variegated. Finest spotted sort. Possibly this is the most showy individual flower among Cannas. 4 feet.

Indiana—4 feet. Color is a glistening golden orange daintily marked and striped with red. Single blossoms are often 7 inches across. Like Wyo, but has green foliage.

Pennsylvania—6 feet. The flowers are pure deep scarlet, of immense size. A most excellent sort.

Pacific Beauty—Very heavy, black foliage, often finely striped and variegated. Flowers orange crimson. A truly magnificent sort, and best of its color. 4 feet.

Uncle Sam—Glorious deep, rich, fiery-red of marvelous beauty. Extra large and fine blossoms. 5 feet.

Wyoming—(7 feet)—This is one of the most majestic Cannas in the Orchid-flowering class, with the additional attraction of having a luxuriant growth of rich, purple foliage. Great plumes of massive orange-colored blossoms. Except in color it is much like King Humbert.

20c. each; \$2.00 per doz.; the 6 for \$1.00.

MIXED CANNAS—For Large Show Beds.

A mixture of the finest large flowering kinds which will go well together, and make a most magnificent bed or border of bright colors. We can thoroughly recommend.

Tall Mixed—All the finest kinds that grow 4 feet or more in height. \$1.00 per dozen; \$5.00 per 100.

Dwarf Mixed—Best sorts under 4 feet. Fine strong roots \$1.00 per dozen; \$5.00 per 100.

CANNA SEED

Extra Fine Mixed.

These wonderful Cannas, dwarf and compact in growth, with highly ornamental foliage, produce their magnificent clusters of brilliant blossoms all summer and fall from spring sown seed. They are simply marvelous, showing colors and variegations ranging from almost white, to brilliant scarlet and dark maroon, rosy pink, yellow, orange, buff, lemon, striped, bronze, tinted and variegated. Bloom in three months from seed. Sometimes slow to germinate unless soaked in hot water or filed. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., for 25c.



CANNA
MUSAFOLIA



CANNA
"IMPROVED RAINBOW"

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12 Older Favorite Cannas.

These grand sorts have made a lasting place in all collections of good Cannas.

Ball of Fire—The giant of its class; flowers bright crimson-scarlet, borne in erect spikes like blazing torches; continuous bloomer. 6 feet.

Beacon—Fine deep chrome yellow very dwarf like express, 2 feet.

Clara Barton—Plant very dwarf and compact, about two feet high, with luxuriant, wide, Musa-like leaves, and gigantic spikes of bloom, which rise just to the top of the foliage. Flowers very large, wide-petaled and perfect in shape, and of the most beautiful clear bright pink color.

Express—A new bedding Canna of great merit. Color, scarlet-crimson. The clusters are large and compact. 2 feet.

Gladiator—A very showy bedding Canna with large flowers of brassy yellow thinly speckled in red. The long center petals and lower petal are dark red, making a most striking contrast. 3 feet.

PRICE—Above 12 fine Cannas, 15c. each; any 3 for 40c.; the 12 for \$1.50. In quantity, \$1.25 per dozen; \$8.00 per 100.



Gustav Gumper—The ideal rich yellow bedding Canna; the flowers of good size are held well above the foliage, the fine trusses always clean looking; in habit of growth very uniform; color a rich golden-yellow. 4 feet.

Mephisto—The darkest crimson variety yet introduced. Almost black. The large flowers are held well above the foliage. 3½ feet. Extra fine in every way.

New York—Lovely dark bronze foliage, with flowers of great size and solid rich scarlet. Extra fine. 4 feet.

Pres. Myers—This immense Canna can only be compared to King Humbert. Flowers same size but a lighter scarlet color. Foliage the same but not so dark, being a mixture of green and maroon. In every way a wonderful sort. 3½ feet.

R. Wallace—A grand new Canna, by far the largest and finest pure yellow yet grown. Flowers enormous and color fine. 4 feet.

Venus—4 feet. The color is a gay, rosy-pink, with a mottled border of creamy yellow. It blooms splendidly with heads erect and flowers bright, because the old ones drop off as fast as the new ones come. Green foliage.

W. Watson—Dark foliage, rich salmon-pink flower. Immense flower and spike. 4 feet.

King Humbert Collection of New Cannas.

The following New Cannas are worthy to be classed with King Humbert, that wonderfully showy sort.

Gladioflora—(3½) — Remarkable for the unusual shape of the flowers, which look like large Gladioli. Color is crimson, changing to carmine-rose with edge of gold.

Hungaria—(3 feet)—Very compact, and of a very luxuriant growth. Leaves bluish green, never burns. Trusses of enormous size, borne well above the foliage. Flowers very large with broad petals. Color purest La France pink with satin sheen. The most delicate pink in Cannas.

King Humbert—The finest Canna that grows. Very dark bronze foliage and flowers of enormous size. Color bright orange-scarlet streaked crimson. 3 to 4 feet.

Kate F. Deemer—An exquisite blending of canary-yellow, rose and crimson or canary-yellow with rosy crimson center. A unique color. 2½ to 3 feet.)

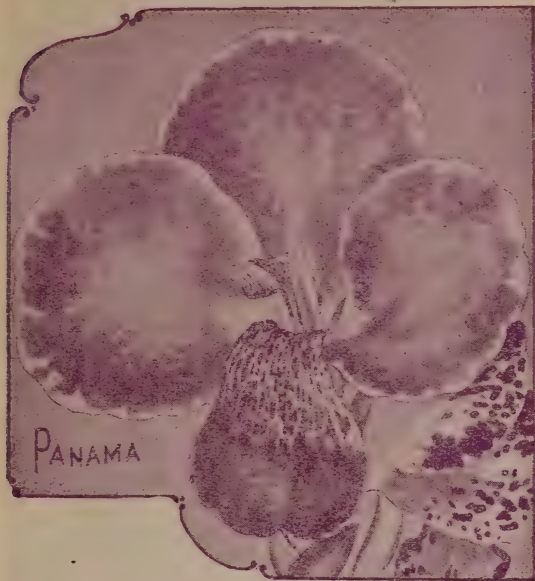
Karl Kirsten—(4 feet.)—Very intense and brilliant. Light transparent scarlet.

Mont Blanc—Almost pure white; very large and very fine. 3 feet.

Meteor—Flowers fully 4 inches across, color is deep crimson. Continues blooming luxuriantly all summer. The largest and finest of its color. 4 feet.

Minnehaha—Blossoms extra large and borne in great clusters; color shades through gold and cream to a center of peach-blow pink. An entirely new "break" extremely beautiful and different from any other yet introduced. Beautiful bronze foliage. 3 feet.

Price, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; \$1.75 per dozen; the 8 for \$1.40.



THE NEW ORDER OF BIG-FLOWERED DWARF CANNAS.

The following glorious new Cannas represent a new race of which King Humbert may be said to be the forerunner. They are dwarf in habit, of the true bedding style but with flowers of unheard of grandeur, as to size, form and color. Some of them are 7 inches across and of fine substance, unlike the flaccid texture of the Giant Italian Cannas. They show a great advance over the finest of the older sorts known to cultivation. Their magnificence will astonish all who plant them.

FIRE BIRD. The Peerless Cardinal.

This is the finest Canna ever introduced, the size and glory of its blossoms are almost incredible. Flowers of the most intense cardinal color, 7 inches across the great wide petals flaring out like a torch. Substance good and petals stand out flat, rarely rolling up as do so many of the giant type. Leaves rich green; height 4 feet. \$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.

PANAMA. The Novel Round.

The color of this splendid Canna is unusual, being an attractive rich orange-red, with a well-defined edge of bright golden yellow. The flowers are very large, the petals being almost round and the immense spread of the individual blooms, coupled with the early, free-flowering habit and unique coloring, make this Canna most noteworthy. It always gets special attention wherever shown. 3 feet. 75c. each, \$7.50 per dozen.

OLYMPIC. The Superb.

The color effect presented by Olympic is new in Cannas and most fascinating. It is a distinctly new departure, being a most captivating shade of rich, oriental red, with center flamed a lighter shade and dappled carmine. Individual blossoms are of the largest size, and the huge clusters make heads that are simply immense. Four to six strong bloom-stalks are produced in a season, with two and often three heads of glorious flowers to each stalk. 4 feet. 75c. each, \$7.50 per dozen.

MRS. CONARD. Peerless Pink.

The best pink Canna ever introduced and unsurpassed for planting either singly or in large beds. The exquisite salmon-pink flowers are of largest size and so freely produced as to keep up a superb showing for months. 4 feet. 50c. each, \$5.00 per dozen.

ROSEA GIGANTEA. The Immense.

The giant-size flowers are wonderful. It is a prodigious bloomer, with great flower-heads of soft rose to carmine-pink, darker than Mrs. Conard, and by some preferred. It has recently received the highest award accorded any Canna, the Award of Merit from the Horticultural Society of England. 3½ feet. 50c. each, \$5.00 per doz.

WABASH. The Bronze King.

A "Bronze-leaved Rosea gigantea." This flower has the same great size and carmine-pink color as that famous novelty, but exquisite bronzy leaves. It is truly the bronze King, so large, so magnificent and so exquisitely colored. 75c. each, \$7.50 per dozen. 4 feet.

One each of these 6 Grand Cannas for \$3.75.



CALLA
ELLIOTTIANA

New Bulbous Callas.

A few years ago we had only one so called Bulbous Calla (Common Spotted). Now there are several, and they are truly marvels of beauty. Do not confound these superb sorts with worthless Arums, which have been extensively sold as red, pink, green and yellow Callas. These now offered are all genuine Callas, with large, magnificent blossoms and will grow and bloom freely in pots like the common white Calla. They are all fine for garden culture also treated like a summer flowering bulb, but we think they are better when grown in pots. Note our low prices for these grandest of all Callas.

Rhemanni (Pink)—This magnificent new Calla has a large flower of a rich, deep shade of pink that is perfectly exquisite. A strong, easy grower, and free bloomer. It is still a sensational floral novelty in Europe, and one of the grandest flowering plants we have ever seen. Having grown an enormous stock we can offer it at a very low price. Do not miss it. Fine flowering bulbs. 50c. each.

Elliottiana (Giant Yellow)—This is the great new yellow Calla of marvelous beauty. Flowers very large and of the brightest golden yellow. Leaves beautifully spotted with white. Sold recently at \$5.00 each. Its great size of bloom, brilliant yellow color, and glorious large spotted leaves, make this a plant of unusual beauty and novelty. Strong flowering bulbs. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Mrs. Roosevelt—Flowers light clear yellow, produced very freely on long stems. Foliage, deep rich green, distinctly and freely blotched with white, making a very showy plant. It does particularly well planted outside, grows strong and flowers freely. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

Aurata (Lemon Calla)—New and fine, flowers being a beautiful light yellow, with jet black center, therefore very conspicuous and showy. Its foliage is large and handsome, deep green, freely spotted with white. Makes a most superb pot plant. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

Spotted Calla—The leaves of this beautiful Calla are deep green, with spots, which give the plants a magnificent appearance. The flowers are pure white with black center. Fine for open ground culture. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

One bulb each of the 5 sorts for \$1.25.



Hardy Lilies.

The brush cannot paint nor the pen portray the exquisite purity and delicacy, yet magnificent grandeur of the stately Lily. It is the plus ultra of floral beauty and we urge our friends to each year add a few Lilies to their collection. No other flower will so adorn our homes when in bloom, and they constantly improve after planting. We feel sure if our readers could see a good collection of from 20 to 40 different sorts in bloom they would never rest until they had a goodly number of their own. As a rule Lilies are of the easiest cultivation, especially the following, which have been carefully selected as the very hardiest, handsomest, and in every respect the best.

Batemanni—Rich apricot. Very handsome. 20c. each; \$2.00 per dozen.

Canadense—A fine bell-shaped flower, light orange yellow, spotted. 10c. each; \$1.00 per dozen; \$6.00 per 100.

Fortuni—A form of Tiger with slender graceful growth, Distinct and beautiful. 20c. each; 3 for 40c.

Hansonii—A very rare and fine Lily. Blooms extra early, the flowers appearing in large clusters. Color rich yellow with a few black dots. This is one of the very rarest and finest Lilies known, and we now have such a large stock of it that we can offer it very low. 50c. each; \$5.00 per doz.

Pardalinum—(LEOPARD LILY)—Rich scarlet and yellow flowers, spotted with rich brown. Robust and free flowering. A superb Lily, and one which will give the greatest possible satisfaction. Succeeds in all situations. No garden complete without it. 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen.

Superbum—Three to 6 feet high; flowers from five to forty, nodding; brilliant orange-red. 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen; \$6.00 per 100.

Tigrinum, fl. pl.—This is a plant of stately habit, growing 4 to 6 feet high, bearing an immense number of double, bright orange-red flowers, spotted with black. 10c. each; 6 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$6.00.

Tigrinum Splendens—Improved Tiger Lily. 10c. each; \$1.00 per dozen; \$3.00 per 100.

Umbellatum—One of the very best, blooming in June with large, perfect flowers. Colors range from black-red, through all shades of crimson, rose, yellow, buff, apricot, etc., many finely spotted. 25 sorts mixed. 10c. each; \$1.00 per dozen; \$6.00 per 100.

Wallacei—Very floriferous, each bulb throwing up 4 to 5 flower stems, each one bearing 3 to 10 beautiful upright blossoms, of a bright apricot color. Perfect in form and most desirable. 10c. each; \$1.00 per doz.; \$6.00 per 100.

Lilium Auratum.

The grandest Lily on earth with immense blooms a foot across, and superb fragrance.

Note—*Auratum* Bulbs do not reach here from Japan until late in November. All orders will be booked for filling then or early the following spring, as purchaser desires.

Auratum—[GOLDEN BANDED LILY OF JAPAN]—Color white spotted crimson with a golden band through each petal, 3 to 30 flowers on a stalk. Extra large strong bulbs, 25c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.80; 100 for \$12.00.

Auratum Pictum—Like the above, but the yellow bands are tipped with crimson. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Auratum Platyphyllum—A larger and finer flower in all respects, with broader petals and lustrous broad green leaves of great beauty. 50c. each.

Auratum Rubro Vittatum—Grand, having a rich crimson band in place of yellow. \$1.00 each.

Auratum Wittei—Broad yellow bands without spots. Distinct and fine. \$1.00 each.



Lilium Elegans.

For general use these are the most showy, vigorous, hardy and satisfactory of all Lilies. They are as brilliant as Tulips with great cup-shaped blossoms of many fine colors, borne in upright umbels. Very early, blooming from early June to late July. Fine also for pot culture for winter blooming.

Atrosanguineum—Deep ruby red, very rich color with few small black dots. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 90c. per dozen.

Aurantiacum Verum—Beautiful pure apricot yellow without spots. Very fine. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Bicolor—Extra large, bright red, center flashed orange; showy. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 90c. per dozen.

Horsfieldi—Tall and stately with many flowers of a fine dark crimson color. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; per doz. \$2.25.

Midnight—Large deep crimson black, spotted. Very fine indeed, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Quilp—Extra fine large flower with broad petals and dark ruby red color. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; \$2.25 per dozen.

Above 6 sorts for 90c.; 6 sorts with 3 following sorts \$1.00.

3 EXTRA FINE L. ELEGANS.

Robusta—Superb for winter blooming or for the garden. We have determined to offer this showy, attractive and earliest of all lilies at a normal price, that all may test its merits as a pot plant for winter blooming and for early garden display, where it begins blooming June 1st. Potted in fall it is sure to bloom abundantly in any window during winter. Flowers very large, wide open, light orange-salmon, richly spotted chocolate. Strong bulbs 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.; 100 for \$5.00.

Painted Chief—Very brilliant flame color, the petals being deep color at center graduating into a much lighter shade at margins, and of exquisite wavy forms. Blooms after Robusta. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

Leonard Joerg—Light orange red, center flashed apricot. Large, showy and latest of the three to bloom. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

SPECIAL OFFER. To induce our friends to plant a lot of these 3 elegant Lilies we will send 1 Bulb of each for 20c.; 3 of each for 50c.; 12 of each \$1.50.



Grand Speciosum Lilies.

These are the hardiest, and most robust and free flowering of all Lilies. Also among the most beautiful and showy. We advise our friends to plant lots of Speciosums. No Lily more beautiful or pleasing.

Rubrum—Deep rose, freely spotted crimson, and mottled white; perfectly exquisite.

Melpomene—Words cannot describe the beauty of this variety. Frosted white, spotted, clouded, and bearded with pinkish crimson. Petals deeply recurved and widely bordered red.

Fraccos—Large, perfect and beautiful. Frosted white with a tinge of blush at the top of petal.

Monstrosus Album—Broad, flat stems, and immense head of flowers, often fifty in a cluster. Pure snow-white.

Magnificum—A superb new sort, an improvement on Rubrum, being larger and brighter colored.

20c. each; the 5 for 90c.; \$2.00 per dozen.

L. HENRYI. The New Yellow Speciosum.

New and exceedingly rare, tall, strong grower, producing flowers in great profusion often as many as 50 on one stem. Of a fine apricot-yellow color. This yellow Speciosum is a glorious new thing.

Large Bulbs, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00; 12 for \$3.75.

Medium Bulbs, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 12 for \$2.00.



LILIIUM TENUIFOLIUM.

Tenuifolium, The Coral Lily.

A great beauty and the brightest of all Lillies. Grows 24 inches high, with finely cut foliage, graceful stems and beautiful shaped flowers of a brilliant coral-red. One ought to grow it by the dozen, it is so fine for cutting, and makes such grand clumps for the lawn. Blooms very early. Large Bulbs, 15c. each; 2 for 25c.; \$1.50 per dozen; \$10. per 100.

New L. Tenuifolium, Golden Gleam.

Exactly like the other except in color which is a gleaming gold. Distinct and exceedingly beautiful. 30c. each; 3 for 75c.; 12 for \$2.75.

Lilium Davuricum Hybrids.

This is of the Elegans style, but more stender and graceful, and blooms much earlier. The colors are very clear and bright, making it one of our most showy garden Lilies. The mixed Hybrids which we offer are fine colors ranging from dark red to light yellow, spotted, blotched and variegated. Exceedingly beautiful and highly recommendable. Blooms very early and makes a fine show. For beds or massing they fill a real want for a brilliant early flowering Lily that may be used also among shrubby or hardy perennial plants. 3 Bulbs 0c.; 12 for 70c.; 30 for \$1.50; 2100 for \$4.50.





New Giant Burbank Amaryllis

This new race of Amaryllis produces a bulb of enormous size and strength which throws up broad, healthy foliage, and stout flower scapes, each producing blossoms of truly gigantic size. The flowers are often a foot or more across, larger than the

Auratum Lily, and with colors, which for purity and intensity are truly marvels. Their great superiority over all other Amaryllis is acknowledged.

Atlantic—Fiery crimson, almost scarlet, with orange tint; lightly shaded at base of petals with greenish-white and crimson. Goldstone-like glister. Large strong heavy stalk. Long strong light foliage. Four flowers to a stalk. Flowers $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches across. \$2.00 each.

Contrast—Light crimson, lined and shaded darker crimson, with broad bands and featherings of snowy white. Broad petals; flat, wide open flower. Foliage extremely short and compact; flowers, 6 to 8 inches across. \$10.00 each.

Distinction—Enormous flower of great beauty. Probably the finest of all Amaryllis. Brilliant scarlet, widely banded white. Veined and mottled. \$8.00 each.

Elite—Enormous white with scarlet veins. Extra fine. \$3.00 each.

Morning Star—Light crimson, nearly one-half covered with white. Wavy petals. Flowers 7 to 8 inches across. Height 12 inches. Earliest to bloom. \$2.00 each.

Newport—Glistening crimson. Enormous flat flower. Velvety sheen. Petals striped white at base. \$3.00 each.

Santa Rosa—Variously shaded, veined, feathered and lined crimson and white. Broad white band reaching to tip of petals. Yellowish green tinge at base of the broad regular petals. Flat flower. Broad light green foliage. 4 to 5 flowers to a stalk. Flowers 8 to 9 inches across. Height: 20 inches. \$3.00 each.

Snow Cloud—Yellowish white when first opening, turning white with age. Very slightly feathered crimson. Silvery glint like bead work in sunlight. Enormous flower over 9 inches across. Three of the petals 4 inches wide. Foliage light green. Extremely vigorous plant, \$5.00 each.

Wellesley—Scarlet-crimson; rainbow featherings of darker crimson. Small greenish-white band at base of each petal. Flower 7 inches across. \$3.00 each.

One each of the 9 for \$20.00.

Mixed Burbank Giant Amaryllis—All shades and colors. Large Bulbs 75c. each; 3 for \$2.00.

FOUR FINE AMARYLLIS CHEAP.

These are the very finest of the older varieties.

Hovey Giant—An immense flower of white and crimson variegation. One of the grandest, equal to Burbank Giant.

Johnsonii—A grand old sort always popular. Flowers large and very beautiful, deep red, striped white.

Psittacinum—Broad, well-opened flowers of great substance. Red, with white and green stripes.

Solandraeflora—Magnificent large perfect blossoms, of many fine colors, variegated white, pink, rose etc.

50c. each, the 4 for \$1.75.



Amaryllis Formosissima.

(Jacobean Lily)

There is hardly a flower which has such deep, rich velvety crimson color, a color so intensely brilliant as this. It is a free bloomer and succeeds well either in pots or in the open ground, and blooms very soon after planting. Few flowers can equal it in richness and beauty of color, and it blooms profusely every year. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.



AMARYLLIS HALLII.

Amaryllis Hallii.

Hardy Amaryllis—Lycoris Squamigera.

For 20 years we have had growing in one of the hardy borders of our lawn a beautiful Amaryllis which sends up tall flower scapes each year crowned with a cluster of large blossoms. Lately we have found a source of supply in Japan and have imported a large quantity. Foliage grows in early spring and dies down, the flowers following in August. Color beautiful lavender-tinted pink, fragrant and exceedingly beautiful. Perfectly hardy anywhere without protection. A most magnificent thing. Fine bulbs, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.



CALLA,
GODFREY.

The Godfrey Everblooming Fragrant Calla.

This Calla is a perfect wonder in that it possesses the combined good points of all known varieties of the popular house Calla (Ethiopia).

It has the habit of the very dwarf sorts, by blooming when very small, growing up through the various stages of dwarf, half dwarf and large sorts up to Giantissima, with its immense leaves and flowers, and long stems.

It also has the peculiar fragrance of C. Fragrans; the everblooming quality of C. Childsiana; the refined beauty of C. White Lady; the robust health and vigor of the old house Calla. To all these may be added the novel quality of summer blooming in the garden, if treated as a summer flowering bulb. We hardly need to say more. Every window garden, to be complete, must have a Godfrey Calla.

Good Flowering Bulbs—30c. each; 3 for 75c.

New Giant Calla, Giantissima.

Most superb of all Callas. Leaves two feet long and flowers a foot in length, three times larger than any other Calla. It is a strong, quick grower, but requires a large pot and a little time to bring it to perfection. Foliage very rich dark green. Flowers snow-white and open unusually flat and broad. We have had single plants showing 10 or

more of these magnificent blossoms at once.
25c. each;
5 for \$1.00.



EMERALD
VINE

Emerald Vine.

(Dioscorea Erythraea.)

Most Graceful and Beautiful Bulbous Vine.

This beautiful new vine is of slender growth and very graceful, and produced in dense masses. Foliage of good size and forked or divided, of a deep, emerald green with a decided lustre or sheen rarely seen on any foliage. Tubers round and solid like Gladioli bulbs, therefore, most convenient to handle. Flowers in drooping racemes and so numerous as to be a very distinct and attractive feature of the vine. Small bulblets are formed at the axils of the leaves as in the case of the Cinnamon Vine. All in all it may be called the most useful and attractive Bulbous vine.

LARGE BULBS—10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 7 for 50c.; 15 for \$1.00. These will make a luxuriant growth at once.



ACIDANTHERA
BICOLOR.

Acidanthera Bicolor.

A lovely new Bulbous plant which blooms all summer and fall in the garden or pots. Flowers very large and creamy white, with a conspicuous chocolate center. Entirely unlike anything else, and is easily grown in any situation. The Bulbs start growth late, generally the first of July before they show above ground, and look like a Gladiolus. Flowers delicately scented. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 60c.



HEALING
SQUILL
(SCILLA MARITIMA)

The Healing Squill.

An old and highly cherished bulb among the common people of some European Countries. Botanically it is Scilla Maritima, and is referred to in all old works on Materia Medica, on account of the healing quality of its leaves when applied to bruises, burns, sores, etc. It is a good sized onion-like bulb with long narrow foliage and flower scapes two feet tall. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

DAHLIAS OF TO-DAY.

Great changes have been taking place in the Dahlia during the last few years; new forms and new colors have come out that are truly astonishing. We grow ten acres of Dahlias and have in our collection the most wonderful new types, and the very finest varieties and colors in all types. You can depend upon us for the best.

Large Show Dahlias.

Great big blossoms, round, double and perfect to the center. No other double flower can compare with these.

Black Diamond—Immense size, regular form, round center. Color rich velvety maroon shaded coal black. Early, free, and vigorous.

Black Beauty—Deep maroon black; rich and handsome.

Cuban Giant—Deep dark wine-red. Extra fine and showy.

Dreer's White—The most glorious double flower ever seen. Snow-white, large, perfect and majestic.

Dorothy Peacock—A grand flower and the very best large pure shell pink variety in cultivation. It is exquisite.

Ethel Maule—Dwarf compact habit. Flowers very large, double, round ball form, pure white with a delicate tinge of lilac pink in center which greatly enhances its beauty.

Gracchus—Bright orange-buff. A variety of great merit on account of its rare and superb color.

Meteor—Deep fire-red; extra large and fine.

Marquise—Fine lavender mauve. Immense size; perfect.

Mary D. Hallock—Large double, extra fine. Bright yellow.

Mrs. Roosevelt—A giant flowered sort of perfect form and double to the center. A superb lilac-pink.

Ruby Queen—Deep rich crimson red. A superb color.

Sylvia—Very double, pink with a white center.

Decorative Dahlias.

Great big blossoms, opening wide and flat, double to the center, wide overlapping petals. Often a foot across.

Blanch Keith—A great bloomer, mammoth flower, one of the most reliable varieties. Rich yellow, long petals.

Delice—The finest pink decorative Dahlia. Lavender-pink, suffused and blended. Perfect in form and habit, producing flowers on long stiff stems; invaluable for cutting.

Giant of Stuttgart—Like the above, but a fine dark vermilion, rich as velvet.

Jack Rose—Like the richest of the glorious dark crimson Jacq. Rose. Long stems, large and very double. Extra free bloomer.

Mme. Van den Dale—Immense size and beautiful form, 6 to 7 inches across. The coloring is exquisite, a soft shell-pink, with deep pink shadings towards the margins.

Miss Marguerite des Blanc—An enormous decorative Dahlia, six to seven inches in diameter, with deep full bloom; the color is a pure snow-white.

Papa Charmet—Deep velvety crimson maroon, shaded lively red. Extra large, with long graceful stems.

Souy de Dozons—The largest Dahlia. 9½ inches across, simply a monster; it impresses every lover of flowers with grace, beauty and elegance. Richest scarlet, and probably the finest Dahlia grown.

W. H. Master—Beautiful bright, soft red. Each petal, distinctly tipped bright yellow. Extra fine and distinct.

Peony-Flowered Dahlias.

Half-way between the decorative and singles. Semi-double, with great, long, wavy and flexible petals like Paeonies. Six to ten inches across with the richest and most fascinating colors.

Antoine Revere—Reddish chamoise with velvety texture. Long rigid stems and immensely showy and attractive.

Edleweisse—A great bloomer and fine for cutting. Pure white, very long stem.

King Edward—Very large purple-red. Showy.

Queen Wilhelmina—Large pure white. Perfectly grand.

Cactus Dahlias.

These are all marvels of beauty. Many of them remind one of magnificent Japanese Chrysanthemums. In color they present a varied brilliancy and richness not before seen in Dahlias. In grace and beauty of poise and habit they are not out-classed by any flower. As cut flowers for vases or any sort of decoration these Dahlias are positively the finest things in cultivation.

Aurora—A variety of the most exquisite coloring; soft pink, slightly tipped white with golden heart.

Countess of Lonsdale—Extra large, double and fine. Peculiar shade of salmon-red.

Debutante—A flower of first rank, with narrow and pointed florets which are well incurled; a beautiful tint of soft pink shading to white.

Glory of Wilts—A magnificent large flower, bright golden yellow, the best of its color.

Jugend—Milky white petals, being beautifully formed, curled and twisted.

Master Carl—Bright amber, with petals gracefully curved and flower of gigantic size.

Mary Service—Delicate salmon. Fine.

Pink Pearl—Beautiful flesh-pink, shading to white in the center, large and perfect blossoms.

Rivlin—Superb pink.

Snow Storm—Large bold flower of fine form; slightly incurved petals and pure white in color.

Stearne—Star-shaped flowers with long petals, purest canary-yellow.

Uncle Tom—Black with long handsome quilled petals; very attractive.

Williamsoni—Blood-orange red, large and extra fine.

Wolfgang Von Goethe—A variety with little foliage, but flower of immense size. Color, delicate apricot.

Pompon Dahlias.

Small flowers, as round as a ball, double and perfect; a plant often shows one hundred of these superb blossoms at a time. Must be in every collection. The six sorts here offered are comparatively new and the very best of varieties.

Grass Aus Wein—Beautiful crushed strawberry color.

Highland Mary—Buffy pink and white. Full and perfect.

Little Mary—Dark crimson black. A perfect marvel.

Little Beauty—Very delicate blush pink. Superb.

Neatness—Very delicate blush pink. A perfect little gem.

Sunshine—Brilliant scarlet. Full center, long stems. Extra.

Single Clematis-Flowered Dahlias.

Great, flaring, wide-petal blossoms, often six to ten inches across, with small centers, resembling and every bit as good as the most exquisite Clematis. The following sorts are superb, and will surprise and delight all.

Anemone—Pure white, very large and perfect.

Aurora—Deep canary-yellow freely blotched carmine.

Jack—Fiery scarlet base of petals overlaid golden yellow.

Newport Beauty—Velvety crimson and white.

Pink Century—Lilac-pink. Extra large and fine.

Sensation—Brilliant scarlet with large pure white blotches.

Spanish Century—Yellow freely striped crimson.

DAHLIA SEED.

Blooms in three months. See page 25.

PRICE of all Dahlias on this page, fine field roots, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00; \$2.00 per dozen

IMPORTANT NOTICE—When Dahlia roots are received in good condition our responsibility must cease. People frequently lose roots by improper treatment, commonly by allowing them to dry up. Roots should be planted soon as received or properly kept in sand, leafmould or other material (nearly dry) that will properly preserve them.

We have made the above prices low, and cannot be responsible for roots not growing if received in good order as this all depends upon subsequent care. We will book roots for shipping at planting time if desired.

THE MOST WONDERFUL NEW DAHLIAS.

Dee-lighted and Flowerfield are of our own naming and introduced last year for the first time. With Le Grand Manitou they lead as the three finest sorts yet known.

Dee-lighted.

The Dahlia with the Roosevelt Smile.

This is the Dahlia that received head line notices from most of the New York daily papers when exhibited by us at the American Institute fair last year. It was the sensational flower novelty of the year. It is the largest and finest show Dahlia, with immense double blossoms 6 to 8 inches across, and as white as snow. The center in many of the blooms, instead of being round, is elongated in such a way that it suggests at sight the Roosevelt smile, as it is caricatured. It is a remarkably strong, vigorous, healthy plant, and a great bloomer, and it is the one Dahlia that will eclipse all others for years to come. Named and introduced by us at three dollars each last year.

Fine field grown roots, 50c. each; 5 for \$2.00.



Flowerfield.

The Prodigious Blooming Dahlia.

This is a large Dahlia half way between the show and decorative types, of rich old gold color. Dwarf and compact in habit, and by far the earliest and greatest bloomer of any Dahlia. It is usually in bloom a full month earlier than any other, in any soil, climate or situation, and when once in bloom it is never without flowers the whole season, an average plant showing at all times 12 to 20 immense blossoms. This is more remarkable as the plants are so dwarf and make such a limited growth; they seem to be all flowers all the time. Named and introduced solely by us.

Tubers, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Le Grand Manitou.

The Largest of all Dahlias.

This is an enormous flower of the decorative type; larger than any other Dahlia that ever flowered, and double to the very center. Color, plum purple and white, elegantly striped and variegated. Occasionally a flower will be clear solid purple and again one may be almost white. It is very beautiful and very scarce. 50c. each.



Fancy Show Dahlias.

Large, double and round, of a great variety of colors on the same plant, and often in the same flower colors will be variegated, blended and suffused.

Souvenir—Bright rich scarlet, tipped, mottled variegated white and pink.

Frank Smith—Deep maroon and white, shaded, blended, and varied in many ways.

Gold Medal—Canary yellow and deep red, striped and splashed, and varied in many ways.

Floral Park Jewel—Flowers of many colors, from deep maroon to bluish white, including beautiful spotted and variegated forms, are borne in great profusion on the same plant at the same time. In fact a plant will hardly ever produce two flowers alike. Blush-white, crimson-maroon, white suffused with maroon, maroon suffused with white, crimson-red, purple spotted, marked or marbled white, spotted, marbled and striped with maroon, pink or crimson, or several colors suffused in an odd and irregular way. The exceeding beauty of a plant loaded with flowers and each one of a different color can be better imagined than described. The blossoms are perfectly double, large and of perfect shape, and borne by the hundred.

Prof. Mansfield—White, yellow and red, finely intermixed and varying in every flower. Somewhat of the decorative type. Extra fine in every way.

30c. each; the 5 for \$1.25; \$2.50 per dozen.

Fancy Cactus Dahlias.

These all bear flowers of various colors on the same plant at the same time. They are perfectly grand.

Cockatoo—A new Cactus Dahlia of wonderful beauty. Flowers very large and double and many colors borne on the same plant at the same time from early summer until late fall. White, and lemon-yellow predominating, but there will be pink, bluish, red, bronze, and intermediate shades in profusion. Most of the flowers show more than one color mixed and variegated. Or the center of a flower may be one color and the outer petals another, like our Floral Park Jewel.

Mrs. H. J. Jones—Scarlet, tipped and variegated white. A perfect formed flower of great beauty.

Nellie Riding—Deep crimson and white marked and varied in a thousand ways.

30c. each; the 3 for 75c.; \$2.50 per dozen.



New Double White Dahlia, Dee-lighted.

CALADIUM
ESCULENTUM.

CALADIUM.

SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS.

Bulbs are favorites with all, and they are planted by many who will not grow any other class of flowers. They are so easily grown and so satisfactory to everyone that they are invaluable. Summer-flowering Bulbs require no skill and very little attention to grow them to perfection. Plant them in the garden in spring, after severe freezing is passed, and they will soon be up and will flourish and bloom all summer. In Autumn, after early freezing, the Bulbs should be lifted and stored in a cellar or some other position away from frost, for planting again the following spring. We are headquarters for Summer-flowering Bulbs, and grow and sell more of them than any other two houses in the world.

Amorphophallus Rivieri.



A large, easily grown bulb which has very ornamental foliage and a coal black flower which is of enormous size, generally not less than two feet in length. It is a great oddity and attracts every observer. The flower usually appears soon after the bulb is potted and before the foliage starts. This is a very odd and interesting plant not often seen in collections.

10c. each; 3 for 25c.
Extra large, 25c. each.
Mammoth size, 75c. each.

Caladiums.

Among the finest of all ornamental foliage plants for the garden.

Giant Flowering—Leaves 2 to 5 feet long, 2 to 2½ feet broad; perfectly immense, bright, glossy green with metallic lustre, and make a plant which for tropical luxuriance has no equal. Added to this wonderful foliage effect are the mammoth lily-like blossoms; snow-white changing to cream, with a rich and exquisite fragrance so powerful as to perfume a whole garden. As many as 6 to 12 flowers rise successively from the base of each leaf-stalk, and are borne on stems eighteen inches high. Plant in full sun. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00; 10 for \$2.00.

Esculentum—A grand sub-tropical plant growing four feet high, and bearing immense, shield-shape leaves of the smoothest, richest green. Extra fine for groups or single specimens upon the lawn. 15c. each; \$1.50 per doz.

TUB. BEGONIA.



Tuberous-Rooted Begonia.

This great plant is a rival to the Gloxinia as a window or conservatory plant. The enormous size and intense brilliancy of the flowers astonish those who have never seen any but the ordinary house Begonia. The bulbs can be started from March to June and will be soon in full bloom. Our strain of both double and single is a very superior one, many of the flowers measuring 4 to 5 inches across.

Fine Mixed—A splendid strain of the single type, including finest flambriated. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.

Giant Crispa—Enormous blossoms, with elegant fringed edges. One of the grandest yet seen and an entirely new departure. Mixed colors, 15c. each; 4 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.40.

Double Mixed—Our strain of these is grand. All new types, finest colors, largest and most perfect blossoms. 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen.



NEW FANCY LEAVED CALADIUM.

Fancy Caladiums.

Their beautifully shaped and glossy foliage is elegantly variegated in the most telling manner. One, perhaps, is regularly dotted with round raised spots of white, another ribbed and veined with pink or scarlet, or yellow, while still another is flashed and marbled with white or marked with delicate and vivid colors as to make them as showy as great and peculiar flowers. The small early leaves do not always show fine colors of the large ones which come later.

Baron de Mammore—Large leaf, ground color white heavily interlined with light green, crimson and pink stripes. Center dark crimson. Ribs scarlet. One of the best.

Candidum—Large, heart-shaped leaf, color satin white with green spots, and dark green ribs. One of the best.

Princess Alexander—Ground color of the leaf delicate pink, the mid-rib and veins being dark olive-green.

Bebeve—Large green interspersed with white spots. Center beautiful soft, transparent pink. Ribs deep pink.

Don Pedro—Large, yellowish green leaf with white center and pink ribs, the whole surface heavily splashed rose.

Adolf Jaenicke—Ivory white, with purplish pink mottlings.

Torch Light—Fine light red bordered with bottle green, veined with deep crimson.

Elaborate—Bright red, veined crimson. Large, wide mottled border of yellow tinted white. Extra fine.

Fascination—Pink, freely veined with deep crimson, dark green mottled edge. Perfectly grand.

Exquisite—Blush white, tinted pink. Reverse green heavily ribbed dark crimson.

Emerald—Green, heavily blotched and ribbed crimson.

Robin—Dull red with a net-work of lively green.

30c. each; 3 for 75c.; the 12 for \$2.75.

Mixed Sorts—All fine. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.80.



Chlidanthus Fragrans.

This bulb is a revelation of beauty. It is much like an Amaryllis, with a strong bulb, which starts growth and blooms as soon as potted. The flowers are borne in clusters of 4 to 6 and are in color the brightest golden yellow, and such fragrance! Strong and delicious without being in any way rank or offensive as in the case with many highly scented flowers. Two or three spikes of these exquisite large yellow blossoms are produced at each blooming period. Pot the bulbs at any time winter or spring and they will soon be in bloom. A truly magnificent thing. Strong bulbs, 5c. each; 6 for 25c.; 15 for 50c.



Crinums.

Stately plants of the Amaryllis family, with bulbs of enormous size and strength which produces large blossoms in immense clusters with most delicate colors and superb fragrance. Fine for pots or the garden in summer.

Ornatum—Supremely beautiful. Flowers of immense size, almost as large as an Auratum Lily. Color, pure white, with a deep band of brightest, richest crimson through center of each petal. Orchids only can equal this flower in supreme beauty and contrast of coloring. Flowers very fragrant and borne in great clusters. 75c. each.

Moorei—Flowers borne in large fine clusters, and are exceedingly beautiful and fragrant. Color a most delicate yet bright and beautiful pink. It possesses a degree of loveliness which cannot be described. Fine bulbs, 75c. each.

Moorei White—Like the above but pure white. There is no grander flower than this ever bloomed. No Lily can excel it in regal beauty and fragrance. 80c. each.

Kirki—Flowers large, and like a most beautiful Lily, borne in immense clusters at the top of the stout scapes. Color soft, delicate blush, with a scarlet bar through the center of each petal, and very sweet scented. 30c. each.

Powell Roseum—Lovely new sort from Africa. 75c.

“ **Album**—Pure white. 75c.

The Collection of 6 for \$3.50.



Cooperia Drummondii.

This bulb belongs to the Amaryllis family, and can either be grown in pots or the open ground. The beautiful Lily-like flowers are profusely borne on stems 10 to 15 inches high, and spring up as by magic repeatedly through the season. Color, pure white. Bulbs, large and strong. 5c. each; 6 for 25c.; 15 for 50c.



CLOXINIA, GIANT-FLOWERED.

Childs' Giant Gloxinias.

The grandest of all summer-blooming bulbs for decoration of the window, veranda or conservatory in summer. Everyone is spellbound at their regal beauty. Our new Gloxinias are great improvements over the other sorts, with large, luxuriant leaves that recurve in such a manner as to conceal the pot they grow in, and erect, large throated, wide-lobed flowers borne above the foliage like a floral crown. These flowers are very large and satin-like and of the most exquisite coloring, soft, clear or brilliant, sometimes self-colored, but more often tinted, spotted or edged with contrasting colors, but always rich and beautiful.

Goliath—Enormous size. Outside pearly white, inside ultramarine blue with wide white border.

Leopard—A light delicate pink, thickly spotted.

Snow White—The largest and finest of all pure white sorts.

Scarlet Queen—Dark, deep, rich crimson-scarlet.

Othello—Deep, rich purple-blue.

Tigered and Spotted—Various colors, all beautifully tigered and spotted. Exceedingly handsome.

Above new sorts 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; the 6 for 90c. or \$1.50 per doz.

Childs' Giant Mixed Colors—Extraordinary size, many of the petals being beautifully frilled and fimbriated. Colors rich and varied, some of the combinations being unique and beautiful beyond description. Plants vigorous, with enormous leaves and often as many as 40 and 50 of these gigantic flowers showing at one time. 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00.

The Great Ismene.

(Ismene Calathena Grandiflora.)

Those who are familiar with the true Giant Ismene cannot say enough in praise of its beauty and purity. The flowers are of very large size, like an Amaryllis, novel form of snow whiteness, and are also exceedingly fragrant. It is really one of the most lovely of all the great Amaryllis tribe, having a peculiar grandeur which one can appreciate at sight, but cannot describe. Bulbs are large and strong and begin to flower in two or three weeks after planting, sending up tall flower stems, which bear several of its magnificent blossoms. As a pot plant it is grand, and as a garden bulb treated like a Gladiolus it is one of the choicest of all flowers. Do not fail to try it. It will more than please you for it is superior to the Bermuda Easter Lily as a flowering bulb. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; \$1.50 per doz.

. Hyacinthus Candicans.

A species of Hyacinth which blossoms during August and September, growing three to five feet high, with spikes of pure white flowers two feet in length. The bulbs are large, round and solid, and throw up large flower stems which are gigantic spikes of thimble-shaped white blossoms. Planted in the spring they bloom in August and September and October, strong bulbs producing two, three and even four flower stems. A bed of a dozen or more bulbs produces a grand effect. For a cemetery nothing can be more beautiful or appropriate and nothing thrives better in any situation. Strong bulbs, sure to bloom, 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.



GIANT
ISMENE
CALATHENA.





Mexican Gems.

Beautiful bulbs from Mexico blooming very freely in the garden or in pots.

Cyclobothra Flava—Narrow, glossy foliage, and a constant bloomer. Pretty bell-shaped flowers, yellow dotted with brown. Very graceful and charming.

Milla Biflora—The flowers are pure waxy-white, two inches in diameter, star-shaped, and borne usually in pairs on long slender stems. It is beautiful, especially for cutting, as it lasts a long time in water. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon this lovely flower. The blossoms frequently last two weeks when cut and placed in vases of water. It is a perfect gem in every way.

Bessera Elegans—Rush-like foliage, flower stems from one to two feet high, bearing loose umbels of beautiful drooping scarlet and white flowers. A charming bouquet flower. The long beds of this bulb, seen on our grounds the past few years have attracted much attention. Few flowers present such a graceful beauty, while growing in a natural state, or when cut, as does Bessera Elegans.

5c. each; 50c. per dozen.

Eucomis Punctata.

This plant is a native of the Cape of Good Hope, and is nearly hardy in New York. It is most useful for decorative purposes as a pot plant. The accompanying illustration gives a good idea of its effectiveness, and there are few plants more useful or that will attract wider attention. Easily grown and a good bloomer. May be treated in all respects like an Amaryllis. It is also very fine as a garden plant, treated like a Gladiolus. Fine bulbs, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Montbretias.

One of the brightest and most winsome flowers we know of. Should always be grown in masses or groups and are thus remarkably showy and brilliant. From July to October they are one mass of blooms, spike after spike of flowers, so graceful and bright and cheery.

Crocsmæflora—Deep orange and red.
California—Fine large yellow.
Etoile de Feu—Rich scarlet.
Macrospila—Fine yellow and scarlet.
Gerbe d'Or—Golden yellow, crimson-brown center.
Talisman—Dark scarlet.
Bouquet Perfect—Vermillion, yellow center.
Macrocephale—Lovely clear light citron.
Pure Lemon—Dwarf, compact, very free bloomer.
Rayon d'Or—Finest yellow and bronze.
Rosea—Fine Rose.
Transcendent—Red and yellow, very bright.

5c. each; the 12 for 50c.; 45c. per dozen.

Mixed Sorts—All kinds. 30c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100.

NEW GIANT MONTBRETIAS.

These are entirely new and magnificent. All of gigantic size both in flower and spike as shown in above cut.

Geo. Davison—3 feet high, eight to ten-branched, bearing

lovely pale orange-yellow flowers 3 inches across.

Germania—Grows from 3 to 4 feet high, producing gracefully, freely-branching flower-spikes, bearing very large, widely expanded flowers 2 to 3 inches across. The color is a rich glowing orange-scarlet, with red throat.

Messidor—A lovely distinct new seedling, branching; color maple-yellow, passing to pale yellow.

Martagon—Deep orange, with brownish center.

Herward—Extra large and fine. Pure golden yellow.

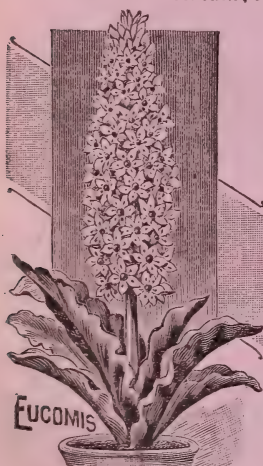
Lady Hamilton—Splendid clear deep lemon yellow.

Rheingold—Extra fine, and the best bright yellow.

15c. each; the 7 for 75c.; \$1.00 per dozen.

Air Potato.

A Dioscorea that will grow 100 feet in a single season with magnificent foliage. No vine like it for covering and screening. The flowers are drooping racemes but not showy. The vines bear a quantity of tubers, (air potatoes,) some of which will weigh more than a pound. In the Southern and Pacific States it will be hardy in the open ground. Fine for greenhouses. 20c. each.



MONTBRETIAS.



OXALIS
LASANDRIA

Summer-Flowering Oxalis.

No bulb is so valuable for edging the borders of walks or flower beds as the beautiful flowering Oxalis. When planted three inches apart they produce an unbroken row of elegant foliage and pretty flowers; and as they bloom quickly after planting they furnish a neat and attractive border the whole season. They are also splendid when planted in a mass, and make a very showy bed.

Dieppi White—Pure white; very fine.

Dieppi Rose—Fine Rose.

Lasandria—Fine rosy-pink, beautiful cut foliage.

Everblooming Shamrock—Lovely foliage like a big 4-leaved clover, deep green in color with a conspicuous zone of purple-black—just like a Shamrock. Blossoms bright pink and produced all summer and fall. Really the only perpetual bloomer.

Mixed Colors of all sorts.

Price of bulbs 10c. per dozen; 25 for 15c.; 100 for 40c.; 500 for \$1.50; 1000 for \$2.50. 12 bulbs each of the 4 kinds for 30c.

Queen Lily.

A plant with a bulb somewhat like a small Tuberose. The foliage is exceedingly beautiful and of tropical appearance, leaves being large and paddle-shaped. The flowers are borne on a strong scape, which rises from the center of the plant, and are in the form of a cockade. Color exceedingly delicate, white and pink, with orange center. A beautiful and a novel plant, which blooms in August and September, and makes a fine garden plant. Fine bulbs, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.



QUEEN
LILY.



MADEIRA VINE

Madeira Vine.

A rapid growing vine, covering a large space in a short time. Fleshy, heart-shaped leaves of a light green, and in late summer numerous racemes of feathered flowers of powerful and delicious fragrance. A very beautiful and popular vine, which succeeds admirably everywhere and should be extensively planted, being so very cheap, quick of growth beautiful and fragrant. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.



INCARVILLEA

Incarvillea Delavayi.

A grand new plant for the garden having a large tuberous root somewhat like a Dahlia; the foliage appears in great spreading fern-like fronds, and is highly ornamental. The flowers are borne on stems two feet tall, and are of large size like a beautiful Gloxinia, and of a deep rich rose color. Blooms nearly all summer, and is certainly a glorious thing. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

New Spider Lily.

This grand new Spider Lily forms large, imposing clumps, that are a mass of clustered heads of pure white, fragrant flowers. The flowers have a peculiar and striking beauty, which must be seen to be appreciated. The flowers are borne in large clusters, are of waxy-whiteness and unsurpassed fragrance. More beautiful than most of the high-priced Lilies. An extra choice garden flower which we cannot too strongly recommend. Also a fine pot plant. Fine flowering bulbs. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Ipomœa Mexicana.

This has a large tuberous root that can be preserved over winter like the Dahlia, and it gives the plant a strong and early start each spring. Very handsome and graceful airy foliage, deeply incised or palmated. The blossoms are of indispensable rosy crimson, with a shadow of violet or blue, very beautiful, resembling rich satin. A grand vine for a conservatory in the winter as well as for the open ground in summer. In fact it is the grandest of all flowering vines. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.





Childs' Superior Tuberoles.

The one flower the rich man must have and the poor man can not do without. We all love its massive spikes of thick waxen white blooms, and delicious fragrance.

Excelsior Pearl—First introduced by us years ago. It is the finest bloomer of all Tuberoles; habit dwarf, flower stalks short, spikes and blooms enormous in size and very double and fragrant. The finest for pots as well as for the garden.

Tall Double—The old popular variety. Splendid for the open ground.

Variegated—The leaves of this variety are bordered with creamy white; flowers single but very large and of exquisite fragrance. It makes a most magnificent plant.

Single Orange-Scented—A fine sort, bearing very early in the season large spikes of beautiful single orange-like blossoms. Very fragrant.

10c. each; 3 for 20c.; the 4 for 25c.; 50c. per dozen; \$2.50 per 100.

Zephyranthes.

The Zephyr Flowers, or Fairy Lilies, are gems of rare beauty; and when planted either in pots or in the open ground they produce very beautiful Lily-like flowers nearly all summer. For pot culture plant three or four in a 5 or 6-inch pot and they will bloom beautifully. For the garden, plant in spring and lift in the fall, like Gladioli. Those who plant them, either in pots or the open ground, will be delighted.

Rosea—Beautiful clear rose, flowers large and very handsome. Blooms all summer.

Atamasco—This is, in all respects, like Rosea except in color, which is pure white.

Floribunda—Very beautiful, being of a rich golden yellow, and exceedingly sweet-scented.

Andersoni—Bright orange, tulip-shaped.

Candida—Pure white and a free bloomer.

New Pink—A lovely new sort with light pink or bluish tinted flowers.

Texana—Lovely buttercup yellow. New.

Mixed Sorts—Hybrid seedlings, named sorts etc. 40c. per dozen; \$3.00 per 100.

Price, 5c. each; the 7 for 30c.; 50c. per dozen.



TIGRIDIA.

Tigridias.

One of the most showy of all summer bulbs, and blooms from mid-summer until frost, growing two feet high, with large wide-open triangular blooms, four to six inches across. The colors and markings are very brilliant and peculiarly odd and attractive, and clumps of them in the border have a most gorgeous effect. It is difficult to name a flower of such unique and exquisite beauty. They are easily grown and always more than satisfactory. One cannot without seeing them realize how truly beautiful they are.

Canariensis—Fine bright yellow.

Conchiflora—Yellow, spotted orange.

Grandiflora Alba—White, fine crimson spots.

Speciosa—Deep red, fine purple spots.

Rosea—Magnificent rosy pink.

Lilacea—Crimson violet.

Immaculata—Pure white without spots.

10c. each; the 7 for 60c.; \$1.00 per dozen.

Grandiflora Hybrids Mixed—3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

ZEPHYRANTHES



HARDY PERENNIAL PLANTS.

The earth wears a crown of Floral Beauties, and among the brightest, richest and sweetest are the hardy Perennials. They fill a place in our gardens and in our hearts which nothing else can supply. Like flowering shrubs when once planted they are good for a life-time and we come to regard them as part, not only of our home, but of our very existence. What would induce us to part with the grand old clumps of Peonies, Lilies, Iris, etc.



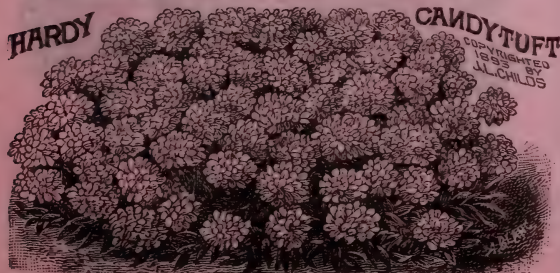
Achillea Grandiflora.

It commences to bloom by the first of July and is a perfect mass of bloom until frost; as many as 5,000 flowers have been counted upon one plant at one time. Flowers pure white, perfectly double, and are produced in large sprays, and are unsurpassed for all sorts of cut-flower work, bouquets, etc. It is perfectly hardy anywhere, and so vigorous that it will take care of itself among weeds. For cemetery planting there is nothing finer, for it is sure to live, thrive and bloom profusely year after year. The plants we send out will bloom profusely this summer. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.



Calystegia Pubescens.

A fine double perennial Morning Glory. Various called Rose Vine, Double Morning Glory, California Rose, etc. A hardy perennial vine, coming from the roots each spring, and bearing quantities of pale satiny-pink flowers, as full and double as roses. Just the vine for rockeries, banks, poor hard soil where nothing less will grow, or a hundred other places, where a really handsome trailing or climbing vine is needed that is able to take care of itself. The vines we send out will bloom the first season and continue all summer. Its long vines wreathed in a profusion of large, double Rose-like blossoms are very attractive. 25c. each; 3 for 50c.



Ten Thousand Flowered Boltonia.

We have not seen so good a hardy plant as this since we introduced Rudbeckia Golden Glow. That plant went over the whole world like wild fire, and is by far the finest hardy garden plant in cultivation to-day. Next to it in importance we recommend this new Ten Thousand Flowered Boltonia. The flowers are like a native Aster, pure white and borne in endless numbers as may be seen by the cut, which represents a single stem plant the first summer. Another year this plant will throw up 6 to 10 stems just like this one and a mass of bloom shown that no other plant can equal. Strong plants, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$6.00.

Rudbeckia Golden Glow.

Grows eight feet high, branching freely, and bearing by the hundreds on long, graceful stems exquisite double blossoms, of the brightest golden color, and as large as Cactus Dahlias. As cut flowers the blossoms last well. We unhesitatingly regard it as the most desirable introduction among hardy perennials. It is the most effective flowering plant for August and September in cultivation. Named and introduced by us. Strong plants, which will bloom freely this season. 15c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$6.00.

Euphorbia, Corollata.

very useful for bouquets and other cut-flower work, as it is in bloom a long time during summer. Flowers white, small and star-like in lovely sprays. When made up with colored flowers they add a peculiar charm to a bouquet or vase, setting it off as does rich lace a beautiful dress. Should be in every garden. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00.

Day Lilies—(Funkias).

Large White—Pure in color as the driven snow, as smooth in texture as though cut from sheeted wax, all its snowy trumpets exhaling sweet fragrance, no sweeter, lovelier or more perfect flower can be grown. Perfectly hardy, and easy to grow. Blooms continuously from August until frost, producing scores and even hundreds of its large Lilies. Handsome light green foliage. 30c. each.
Variegated Leaved—Leaves as handsome as a flower. A rosette-cluster of almost white leaves, lightly striped with green and yellow. Flowers pretty pale lilac-blue on tall spikes. Fine also for pots. Altogether this is one of the very finest of all hardy plants. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Candytuft.

A plant of exquisite beauty, being of low, compact, spreading growth and producing its profusion of blooms in May or June when pure white flowers are particularly scarce. Its profusion of bloom is so great that a bed of it looks, at a distance, like a mass of fleecy snow just fallen. Few hardy plants will give as much real satisfaction as this beautiful gem. Lifted late in the fall will bloom well in the house during winter. Perfectly hardy, and foliage evergreen. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.



New Hardy Tritoma, May Queen.

May Queen will flower the first summer from spring sown seed, sending up tall flower stems on which are borne the great plume-like blossoms of rich yellow and flame color. The plants are also perfectly hardy in the open ground here, and start growth and bloom very early in the spring. They are in full bloom end of May. The growth is stronger and the bloom more abundant each year. Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Everblooming Tritoma Hybrids.

These hybrids of Pfitzleri are great bedding plants, surpassing the finest Cannas for attractiveness and brilliancy, equal to Gladiolus as a cut flower and blooms incessantly from June until December, regardless of frost. Plants show 8 to 20 grand flower stalks all the time, each holding at a height of 3 to 4 feet a great cluster of flowers of indescribable beauty and brilliancy. Each cluster keeps perfect several weeks, and when it fades, 2 or 3 more are ready to take its place. Fall frosts do not stop its blooming, and it is as brilliant as ever long after all other garden flowers have been killed. For cutting it is unsurpassed, and the beautiful long spikes keep several weeks in water.

Mixed Hybrids—Ranging in color from yellow to brilliant scarlet. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

Early Flowering Hardy Chrysanthemum

These are exceedingly fine, and are perfectly hardy planted in the open ground, and flower magnificently in October and late into November. They should be planted on the south side of a building or wall, or in some spot where they will be sheltered as much as possible. In such a situation they are sure to bloom magnificently, despite early fall frosts. They make a border which is as brilliant and beautiful as the gayest flowers of summer. They are of the Pompon type, and very double and perfect flowers in great clusters. Also grand as pot plants.

Fred Peele—Deep crimson, tipped gold.

Globe d'Or—Clear lemon yellow, shaded.

Eagle d'Or—Golden yellow.

Tibert—Crimson-brown tipped yellow.

Prince of Wales—A very fine pure white.

Mrs. Vincent—Dark crimson.

Purity—Fine white.

Salmon—Splendid clear salmon.

Repeater—Blush tinted blossoms in wonderful profusion.

Baby—Like little golden buttons. Very double, perfect and borne in great masses. Bright yellow. No prettier variety.

Baby Marguerite—Just like the above except color, which is snow-white. It is perfectly exquisite.

Daisy—Great sheaves of double snow white blossoms like Bellis. Most exquisite for cutting and for pots.

Klondyke—A beautiful hardy Pompon of rich gold color.

Black Douglas—Color almost black, while the tip of each petal shows a glint of gold, making the whole blossom appear as if sprinkled with gold dust.

15c. each; any 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.



Hemerocallis.

Splendid new sort of great beauty, hardness and free flowering.

Florham—A strong grower 3 to 3½ feet high, large trumpet-shaped flowers; rich golden-yellow, with Indian-yellow markings; June and July.

Flava (Yellow Day Lily)—The best known variety, very fragrant, deep lemon-yellow flowers in June and July.

Gold Dust—Of a bright Indian-yellow color, buds and reverse of petals bronzy gold; 2½ feet high; May and June.

Middendorff—The earliest to bloom; flowers bell-shaped rich chrome-yellow; 2 feet; early in May.

Dumortier—Bright orange. Very profuse.

25c. each; the 5 for \$1.00; \$2.00 per dozen.

The Sweet Orris.

One of the most delicate perfumes known is that of the Orris root. High class Oriental toilet powders and sachet perfumes are made largely from the roots of this plant, which when dried and ground makes a fine and lasting substance for imparting delicious odors. The dried roots may be used in many ways for perfuming chiffoniers or trunks of clothing. The plant is of the Iris family with great handsome white blossoms, which emit the same delicate perfume as the roots, and are objects of great beauty in any garden. Perfectly hardy and blooms abundantly each year. Strong roots, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$7.00.

NEW BLUE SWEET ORRIS.

Deep navy blue; very large and very sweet, making a fine contrast with the white. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



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FLOWERING
HARDY?

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Double Iris
Kämpferi

Finest Iris Kämpferi.

These new Iris from Japan rival the Lily in stateliness, the Peony in majestic beauty, the Orchid in marvelous delicacy and blending of colors, the Chrysanthemum in profusion and surpass almost every plant in the size and kingly magnificence of flowers. A plant will send up to the height of three feet a dozen flower spikes, each spike bearing from two to four enormous blossoms eight to ten inches across and of the most delicate and beautiful colors, markings and combinations. Once planted in your garden they are a joy for a life time without further care, blooming profusely in June or July, during which time they are the greatest attraction your garden or lawn can contain.

Apollo—White, pink center.

Gold Bound—Tall and showy with flowers of enormous size, probably the most beautiful of all. Pure snow-white with large gold-banded center.

Mahogany—Very large flower; deep mahogany.

Mount Hood—Light blue, shaded darker.

Oriole—Rich plum, marked yellow.

Ondine—Immense white, very fine.

Pyramid—Tall and showy, flowers very large; light violet-blue with slight white veins.

Above double sorts 20c. each; the 7 for \$1.15; \$1.75 per dozen; \$12.00 per hundred.

FINE MIXED IRIS KÄMPFERI.

More than 40 finest sorts, double and single, 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$6.00.

Three New Kämpferi.

The following three new sorts were offered last year for the first time, having been raised and named by us, they are very fine indeed.

Dominator—Rich indigo blue with narrow white stripes, and light center. One of the finest and richest colors.

Delight—Light blue, penciled white, yellow center. Exquisite soft color.

Distinction—Light lavender pink, bright yellow blotches at base of petals. Distinct and fine.

50c. each; the 3 for \$1.25.

New Giant Iris.

These are the Best of all Garden Iris.

Pallida Dalmatica—With wide, massive foliage, and immense flower stalks rising 3 to 4 feet high, each with 8 to 12 magnificent blossoms, *Pallida Dalmatica* may well be called a King among Iris. In stately magnificence it is supreme, and as yet quite new and unknown. The color of its great blossoms is pure sky blue. We now have a large stock and can offer strong roots. 25c. each; \$2.50 per dozen.

Pallida Albert Victor—Extra large, rich blues, in tall clusters. 30c. each; \$3.00 per dozen.

The two for 50c.



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GERMAN
IRIS

Best Dwarf German Iris.

These are all dwarf, compact growers and great bloomers. A striking flower of crepe-like texture and most exquisite coloring, the gauzy veining reminding one of the delicate tracing of the butterfly's wing. We grow acres of Iris, and know you can find no finer varieties than the mixture here offered. They bloom in May and June, when there is a dearth of really fine flowers, and once planted are good for a lifetime, increasing every year.

Fine Mixed German Iris—A lovely collection of all colors, 12 for 50c.; 100 for \$3.00.

Aurea—Pure golden yellow.

Ciceron—Yellow, marked maroon.

Fragrans—White edged blue. Fine.

Gipsy—Mauve, lavender and blue.

Innocence—White.

Mrs. H. Darwin—White, penciled rich purple blue.

Nectarea—Light and deep blue.

15c. each; the 7 for 75c.; \$1.00 per dozen; \$6.00 per 100.

Mad. Chereau, the Lace Fringed Iris—Tall and stately pure white edged or fringed azure blue; falls with blue penciling. 15c. each; \$1.00 per dozen.



New Perennial Phlox.

These new varieties are in bloom from June until frost, and the individual florets are twice the size of the old time Phlox, and the shades of color the brightest, richest, and clearest. There are no finer or more useful perennials than the Perennial Phlox, or which will give more complete satisfaction. The varieties we offer are new and fine, and the plants we send out will bloom magnificently the coming summer. They are cheap and we hope that all our customers will plant them.

Pyramidal White—A plant of sturdy compact growth, bearing enormous pyramidal panicles of great, snow-white blossoms.

Pyramidal Crimson—Like the above, with same great blossoms, but of brightest crimson color. They bloom all summer long, and are equal to Hydrangeas in majestic beauty.

Pyramidal Oculata—White; large crimson eye. Showy.

Pyramidal Lavender—Delicate lavender; white center.

Pyramidal Rose—Large, bright rose.

Pyramidal Blush—Blush tinted; extra large and fine.

Pyramidal Wine Red—Splendid deep, rich wine red color.

Pyramidal Striped—White and crimson beautifully variegated.

Giant White Branching—This new Giant White Branching Phlox is in many respects the finest of all. The flowers are large, pure white and borne in large pyramidal panicles; the plants stooing freely and branching well.

Snowy Dwarf—Plant very small and compact, with large bunches of gigantic snow white blossoms. The most novel, striking and beautiful of all Phlox.

20c. each; any 3 for 50c.; the 10 for \$1.40; \$1.50 per dozen.

MIXED PHLOXES.

A fine mixture of more than 20 sorts, \$1.00 per dozen.

New Blue Phlox, Gandicans.

A superb compact growing Phlox which throws numerous flower stems, each crowned with a cluster of large blue blossoms. It is a novel color in Phlox as well as a very beautiful one. Plants also bloom very early in spring, which adds greatly to its value. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

Yucca, Filamentosa.

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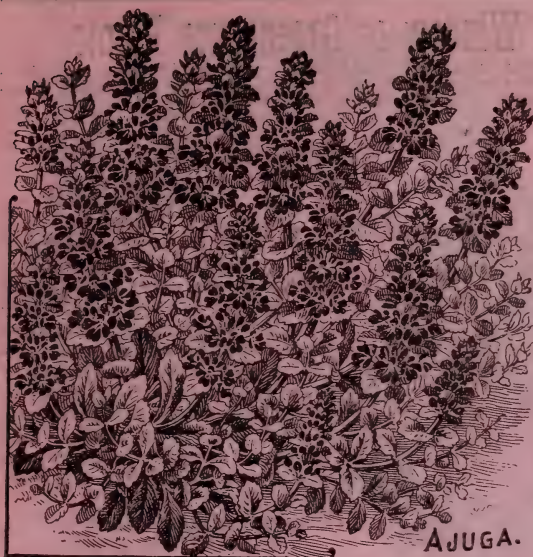
This plant is an object of beauty the year round, if only its leaves are seen: these are one or two feet long, bristling out at all angles with sharp points; flower stalks stout, four to five feet high, with 50 to 200 bell-shaped creamy white blossoms hanging from branching arms. It is of a tropical appearance and truly magnificent. Perfectly hardy, and lives to a great age. The great quantity of this plant used for borders in the "shrubbery" at Floral Park, has for years been the admiration of all beholders. Not only are they attractive while in bloom, but during the fall and winter their bright green foliage is always a pleasing and refreshing sight. Price, 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen. Seed 5c. per pkt.

Perennial Seedlings.

We can supply plants of the following beautiful perennials for blooming at once.

Hollyhocks, Digitalis, Columbine, Aster Alpine, Stokesia, Sweet William, Snapdragon, Campanula, Pansy, Delphinium, and Bellis.

Price, \$1.50 per dozen.



AJUGA.

AJUGA REPTENS.

A plant of low creeping habit with a profusion of dark handsome leaves, and numerous spikes of pretty blue flowers which appear early in spring. It is splendid for cemeteries, rockeries or any kind of carpet work. The handsome leaves being evergreen, thrive in sun or shade, dust, dirt and most any situation where few if any plants would survive. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.

Early Rose-Flowered Pampas Grass.

Splendid plant, for it blooms two months earlier than any other Pampas Grass, produces twice as many plumes and blooms when half the age. The plant is a grand object, the immense rosy plumes standing higher than a man's head, and the whole plant one of luxuriant beauty. Owing to its extreme earliness, hardiness and great effectiveness as a lawn plant, and also the beauty and usefulness of the dried plumes for winter decoration, it is a great acquisition. Hardy only in mild climates.

Seeds—15c. per pkt. Not difficult to raise from seed.
Plants—Strong plants, 30c. each; 2 for 50c.

New Crimson Fountain Grass.
(*Pennisetum Cupreum*)

As a show plant for beds or borders it is most superb, the cut above being photographed from our lawn last summer. This magnificent Grass succeeds equally well as a pot plant for window or veranda or in the garden. The abundance of gracefully-curved foliage is (except when the plants are very young and small) a deep rich crimson color at all times. During summer and fall the plants throw up numerous stems bearing long graceful plumes of rich crimson color and superb silky texture. Plumes six to twelve inches long and very ornamental. May be cut and cured for dry bouquets. Plants from seed produce blooms in about five months, but best results will be had from plants already established.

Strong Plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; \$1.50 per dozen.
Seed, will flower first year, 10c. per pkt.

CONVENT LILY.

The equal of this plant (*Anthuricum Liliasticum Major*) is found only among some of the rare and high priced Lilies. Each plant sends up many tall flower stems, each bearing a quantity of very large, pure white flowers, surpassing the white Day Lily in size and beauty. Quite as pretty, in fact, as the Bermuda Easter Lily. Will attract great attention and is unsurpassed for cutting. A grand good thing, and perfectly hardy anywhere. 20c. each; for 60c.



YUCCA



APIOS TUBEROSA

Three Fine Hardy Vines.

Cinnamon Vine—A pretty, hardy vine, with edible roots and neat, glossy, cordate foliage. In mid-summer it bears clusters of tiny but exceedingly fragrant flowers.

Apios Tuberosa—A valuable hardy tuberous-rooted climber closely resembling the common Wistaria in vine and foliage and having clusters of rich, deep purple flowers, which have a strong delicious violet fragrance. Plant the bulbs near a trellis, tree, fence or any place where you may wish a climber. They grow to a great height, and bloom profusely. The bulbs are perfectly hardy.

Thladiantha Dubia—A lovely bulbous vine, which stands the winter unprotected anywhere, and makes a beautiful growth year after year with an abundance of bright yellow flowers, bell-shaped like a Cobaea. Plant bulbs anywhere, and the vines may be allowed to trail over the ground, in which case they make a fine carpet of foliage and flowers. For training on sticks or lattice work it is splendid, growing about the height of a Sweet Pea.

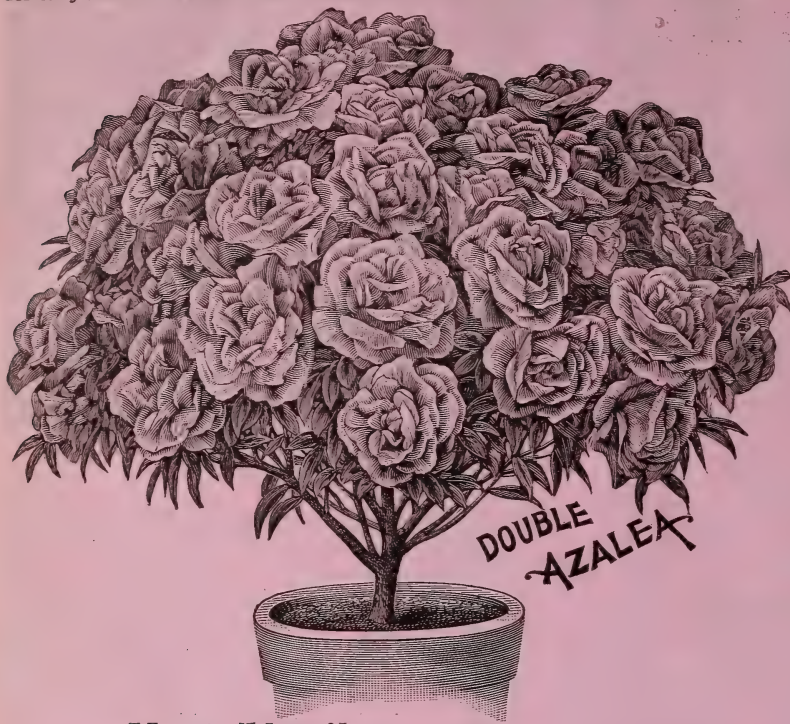
10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 15 for \$1.00.



“**THLADIANTHA**”

Select New, or Recently Introduced Window or Greenhouse Plants.

In plants we offer comparatively few varieties, only such as are of unusual merit, new, or of recent introduction, and which will give great pleasure. We are careful to send out only well-rooted, healthy stock, and to offer only such varieties as are sure to give complete satisfaction—the very best of their kinds.



Azalea Indica.

Elegant pot plants much used for Easter decorations. Though attaining a good size, commences to bloom when very small. The flowers are large and very beautiful, always much admired, and range from white to deep crimson in color, with all intermediate shades and markings. Easily grown in a window. Our plants are finest new varieties, and are greatly superior to the older sorts.

Empress of India—Large and fine, double brick red. Edged white; Splendid.

Dr. D. Moore—Lovely rose, with white and violet reflex.

Raphael—Immense double white.

Firefly—Bright soft scarlet.

Mad. Vandercruysen—Fine rose with large blotch.

Single White—Very large and fine.

30c. each; the 6 for \$1.50.

Mixed Azaleas—Mixed fine sorts. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

New Abutilons.

The flowers are the most beautiful we have ever seen among Abutilons, being very large, yet short and beautifully cupped.

Infanta Eulalia—This is perfection itself. Plants dwarf and short jointed, producing exquisite large cupped blossoms by the score from the time the plant is four inches high. Blooms all the time, summer and winter. Color, a most beautiful soft-satin-pink. No finer pot plant for windows than this.

Wm. McKinley—Exactly like the above, except in color, which is a beautiful clear lemon yellow; exquisite.

20c. each; the 2 for 35c.

Cyclamen Grandiflorum.

Childs' Improved Large-Flowering.

Few pot plants are so desirable as Cyclamen, especially for winter-blooming. Though they are universal favorites, they are not seen in general cultivation to the extent that they should be considering their ease of culture, great beauty and long season of bloom. Bulbs commence blooming in the fall and continue in great profusion till June, each flower keeping perfect a month before fading, and a good bulb will show at all time from 12 to 50 well developed blossoms. They are of the most delicately beautiful colors, ranging from dark red to white, delicate blush and pink shades prevailing. Often the flowers will be spotted and marked, and finely variegated. The foliage is beautiful being variegated with different shades of green, and helps to show off the flowers, which rise above it, to a remarkable degree. In planting leave one-half the bulb above the dirt.

Giant White—Pure white, enormous size.

Giant Carmine—Very bright.

Giant Pink—Exquisite shades.

Giant White Crimson Eye,

Fine Bulbs 25c. each; the 4 for 90c.

Giant Mixed—All colors, tints and shades, some being freely spotted. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

FOR CYCLAMEN SEED. See page 25.

Asparagus Downy Plume.

A new form of Asparagus Plumosus, the foliage of which is exceedingly fine and downy. Of all the green foliage plants of this sort this is by far the grandest and best. It is an easily grown pot plant and the feathery foliage is unsurpassed for small bouquets. Highly ornamental. Fine plants, 15c. each; 3 for 40c. Seed, 10c. per pkt.



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NEW
REX
BEGONIA

New Rex Begonias.

These new varieties of Begonia Rex are of our own origin, and they far excel any that have previously been in cultivation. The colors and markings of the leaves are exceedingly varied and rich.

Crimson Glow—Magnificent large leaves, center half of which is a rich, metallic crimson, which graduates into a wide zone of light green with lace-like veins, the rim of the leaf having a distinct border of the same metallic crimson as the center.

Midnight—Elegant leaves almost black in color, variegated with large pink blotches, with iridescent glow.

Fireflush—Immense leaf, silvery colored, bordered dark purplish-green, and with a dark center. The whole leaf flushed with crimson-pink.

Storm Cloud—Rich dark color, a sort of blackish-green with purple lustre, and large, pure silvery spots.

Monster—Leaf, 2½ feet across. Color, pure silver, veined with dark green.

Emperor William—Very light green leaves, overlaid with fine crimson. Entirely distinct.

Mikado—Large silvery gray leaves, bordered maroon black, with a bluish-ribbed center flushed crimson.

Czar Nicholas—A beautiful stipple of green and silver with a finely flushed center.

Alfonso—Silvery green with a dark border filled with conspicuous silver spots. Exceedingly novel and fine.

Edward IV—Deep maroon black with a striking zone of pink and silver spots. Grand.

Victor—An oddly colored leaf of a peculiar dark shade regularly and densely speckled.

New Spotted—Superbly spotted foliage.

20c. each; 3 for 50c.; the 12 for \$1.75.

New Begonia, Gracilis Luminaria.

For bedding it stands the hot sun and drouth, blooming abundantly all the time from early till late. In the open air its foliage is a rich bronzy crimson color, while the large showy blossoms are another shade of crimson or scarlet, the whole making a most showy mass. Elegant for pots; always in bloom. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00.

Brugmansia Double.

Three feet high, with twenty or thirty pendulous flowers open at once; great creamy white blooms eleven, twelve and thirteen inches long and eighteen inches wide, of a texture resembling thick, fluted satin. Creamy white and very fragrant. The great double trumpet-shaped flowers are, indeed glorious. Flowers freely at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and is one of the most superb plants we can grow. Blooms at all times. Strong plants, 30c. each; 3 for 75c.



Ghilds' Monster Carnations.

The following are mostly new Carnations, mammoth flowering sorts, being hybrids of Lawson with Enchantress, etc.

Alma Ward—Pure white, and the largest and most fragrant ever grown. Flowers perfect in every way, 3¼ to 4½ inches in diameter on stems 3 feet in length.

Benora—A superbly variegated variety. New and extra fine.

Blue Novelty—A most distinct color, bluish purple, rich, handsome and distinct. Flowers very perfect and very fragrant.

Blue Bedder—While the flowers are not actually blue, they are of a bluish-violet color, the blue shades being at times very pronounced. The plant is of a stout, compact habit and will bloom in the garden profusely all summer.

Christmas Cheer—Color a brilliant, glowing Poinsettia-scarlet. Easier to grow than a Geranium. Will produce 100 or more blooms in a season, and can be had for Christmas, with 25 to 50 blossoms and buds.

Darkness—Very large and perfect, richest dark crimson shading well into velvety crimson black. Very fine.

Enchantress—Enormous flower of perfect form, full, double and sweet, on long graceful stems. Light pink or bluish.

Giant Striped—Wide scarlet stripes on bluish ground. Flower of enormous size and perfect form.

Mrs. Lawson—Extra large flowers borne on magnificent long stems, and are of a most lovely deep pink shade.

Mrs. Ward—Beautiful pink, mammoth size.

Pure Gold—Beautiful large flower, borne on long stiff stems. Exquisite fragrance. Fine bright yellow.

Roseflush—A cross between White and Pink Lawson. Large, sturdy, fine dwarf habit. White flushed and variegated maroon.

Spotted Beauty—Fine rosy pink freely spotted or speckled with crimson. Finest speckled sort.

Sangamo—New and extra fine large exquisite pink.

Victory—Brightest scarlet, on long stems.

White Lawson—A sport from Mrs. Lawson, same monstrous flower and vigorous growth, white as snow.

Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; \$1.75 per doz.



GLORY OF
SEVEN OAKS.

Best New Chrysanthemums.

The following are the very best introductions of the last year or two. They are all prize-winners.

- Alice Lemere**—Soft pink, of the largest size.
Belfast—Of the largest size and a light pink color shading to cream. Bloom after every other variety is through.
Daisy—A pure white double daisy-like flower of great beauty. Small pompon with flowers in immense sprays. Perfectly exquisite for cutting for vases etc. Hardy.
Elsie Papworth—Large full, double purest white.
Fall Glory—Our novelty. A fine early pink sort that is remarkably fine out doors as well as inside.
Goliath—Under ordinary care its flowers are immense, but with special care its flowers will be larger than any other. Perfectly double to the center, beautiful shape and the brightest and finest yellow color.
Gloria—A superb long stemmed light pink.
Helen Newberry—A large pompon of great beauty. The perfect, full round blossoms mature at Thanksgiving, and are of snow white color.
Klondyke—Another hardy pompon seedling of our own. Great masses of golden yellow flowers.
Naomah—One of the best recent varieties. Has pure white, perfect incurved blooms on long stems.
Pres. Taft—Incurved Jap. of great size and snow white.
Roman Gold—A very intense yellow, maturing November 1st, to 10th. Perfect stems and foliage, easy to manage. From late buds they show the bronzy tints in the depth of petals, but this rather adds to their beauty.
Thanksgiving Queen—Very large creamy white and comes just right for Thanksgiving. Exceptionally strong.
W. Woodmason—The very largest of the reds. A fine companion for our Goliath.
White Ball—Our novelty. Very early, large full round flower like an immense ball. Pure white.
 15c. each; any 4 for 50c.; the 15 for \$1.75.

GOOD GRACIOUS CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

These are all alike except in color. They bear flowers as large as a man's hat, double to the very center. A mass of quilled and irregular petals. Very striking.

- G. G. Pure White**—Immense.
G. G. Bright Yellow—Showy.
G. G. Pink—Very fine.
 15c. each; the 4 for 50c. \$1.50 per dozen.

LILLIAN DOTY CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

- Flowers round and perfect as a ball. Superbly beautiful.
Lillian Doty, White—Beautiful round shape like a ball.
Lillian Doty, Pink—New sport, lovely clear pink.
Lillian Doty, Yellow—New seedling. Deep golden yellow.
 15c. each; the 4 for 50c.; \$1.50 per dozen.

OSTRICH PLUME 'MUMS.

These four new Hairy sorts are of our own raising and were offered last year for the first time. In size, shape and downy texture they are the very finest of the Ostrich Plume class ever offered.

- Golden Down**—Deep, rich yellow. Very large, perfect and downy; finely incurved.
Pink Ostrich—Beautiful pink, very fluffy; wide spreading flat flowers.
Roseate—Violet pink, white center.
Swan—Immense pure white full, double, round and very plummy, the finest Ostrich Plume ever offered.
 15c. each; the 4 for 50c.

New Perpetual Blooming Chrysanthemum.

"GLORY OF SEVEN OAKS."

Introduced by us three years ago and we have sold nearly one hundred thousand plants which have in every case proved a wonderful delight and satisfaction to our patrons. Blooms profusely all winter in pots as a window or conservatory plant. Flowers 4 to 5 inches across on stems 2 to 3 feet. Begins blooming in thum pots. Also perfectly hardy in the open ground and blooms all summer and fall. Just think of it, a magnificent large Chrysanthemum blooming all summer bedded out, or all the year round in pots. There is no doubt of this for it has been exhibited in bloom at all times of the year, to the amazement of thousands who have seen it in winter, spring and all summer, as well as in the fall. Great beds of it on our lawn blooming all summer, and pot plants blooming all winter has astonished all visitors at our place.

Flowers brightest golden yellow, double to the very center and of large size and borne in clusters 3 to 6.

Plants which will begin blooming almost at once. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; \$1.75 per dozen.

BEST NEW CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

Indian Summer—The upper surface of the petals is yellow suffused with red, presenting a very pleasing shade of bronze, while the reverse is buff or chamois.

T. Carrington—Growth vigorous, amaranth, large. Owing to its distinct color, is unrivalled for classes calling for any other color than white, pink, yellow, etc. Semi-dwarf.

Dolly Dimple—A fine large, well-built yellow variety; strong grower with good foliage.

Mile, Arlette Dubois—A white Japanese Incurved. Very similar to Virginia Poehlmann. Considered an improvement by some.

Golden Chadwick—Yellow sport from W. H. Chadwick. By planting late may be had for Thanksgiving or later.

20c. each; the 5 for 75c.

NEW HARDY CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

Cactus—Fiery terra cotta, shape of a small cactus, very free and effective.

Carrie (Syn. Glory of Seven Oaks)—Deep yellow, a beauty.

Champagne—Bright ruby red; wonderfully colored.

Champ d'Or—Canary yellow; very bushy habit.

Lady Mary Hope—White, slightly shaded blush; good habit.

October Gold—Fine old gold on long stems.

20c. each; the 6 for \$1.00.

NEW EARLY FLOWERING CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

These new sorts produce the largest sized flowers in the open ground end of September and during October. They are the first mammoth flowering sorts early enough and strong enough to produce large showy flowers in the garden, equal to good greenhouse varieties.

Dawnray—Exquisite large pink of great beauty. Very early.

Snowcap—Pure white large and double. A perfect plant.

Chrysolora—Finest and brightest yellow. Large, extra early.

20c. each; the 3 for 50c.; \$1.50 per dozen.

CHRYSANTHEMUM SEED.

Chrysanthemum seed sown in the spring will produce large vigorous plants by fall which will give a great profusion of fine flowers even more than old plants. No matter how many plants you raise, no two will be alike, and some are likely to be valuable. All colors, shapes, sizes and varieties will be produced. They are grand and are very easily raised. Seeds germinate freely and quickly, and the plants, being of a hardy and robust nature, make a rapid growth. We offer only seed of our own saving which has been carefully hybridized and will give grand results.

Extra Choice Mixed—All colors, classes and varieties...20

Japanese—Fine double mixed.....25

Ostrich Plume—Or hairy varieties mixed.....25

Seven Oaks Hybrids—Hybrids of the famous everblooming variety.....20



Everblooming Cape Jessamine or Gardenia.

This grand novelty does not differ from the common Cape Jessamine or Gardenia except it blossoms all the year round, while the old sort blossoms only a short time in the spring. The flowers of this are very large and perfect, with pure white wax-like petals and glorious fragrance. Large, double and surpassingly lovely. A good plant will show flowers every day in the year, and it is an easy thing to manage, growing well as a window plant. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

NEW DWARF CAPE JESSAMINE,—BABY.

This very dwarf form of the grand old Cape Jessamine forms a most compact and bushy plant which is perfectly smothered in a profusion of snowy white wax-like blossoms like perfect Roses, and have a powerful fragrance. The blossoms are as large and as fine in every way as the old variety. Plants bloom when only 3 or 4 inches high, and are exquisitely beautiful. A very fine novelty. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

For 50c. we will send one fine plant each of the three.

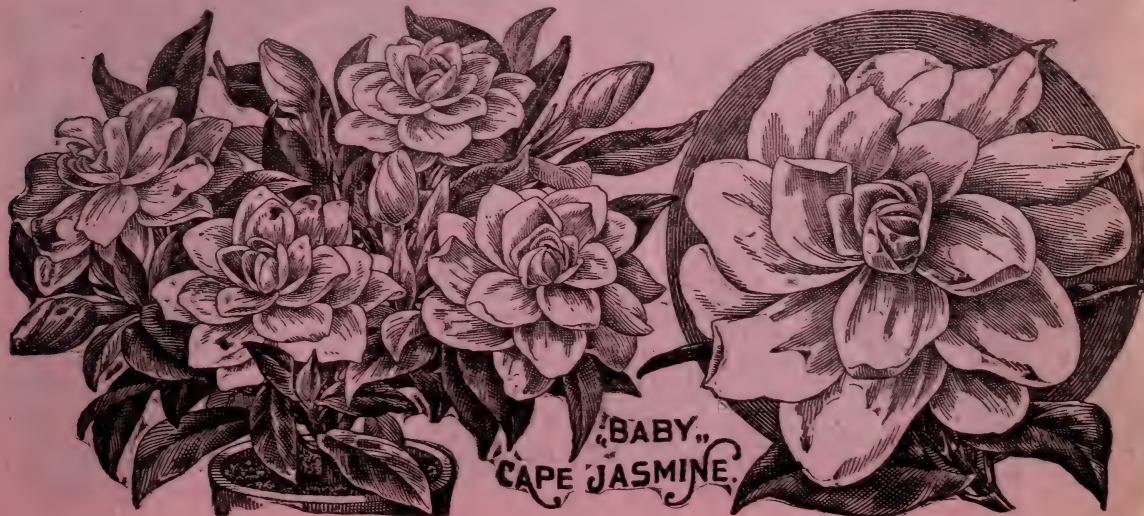


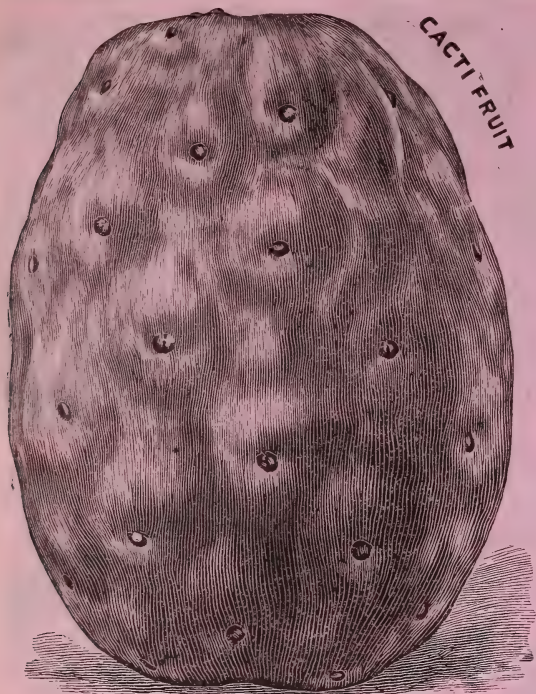
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Jasmine Primulinum.

A Splendid New Climbing Jessamine.

A new and exquisitely beautiful flowering plant. Extra fine for pot culture, or for the open ground in the Southern and Pacific States, where it is hardy. It makes a very graceful plant with long, wavy stems, thickly clothed with handsome foliage, and when in bloom each stem or branch is almost a solid wreath of large, golden-yellow single blossoms like immense Primroses—two inches across; larger and more beautiful than the far-famed Jasmine of the South. Plants bloom when very small. Easily trained to bush form by trimming if so desired. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.





Burbank's Fruiting Spineless Cactus.

We grow in California the newest and finest Spineless Cactus. If interested write for our Special Cactus Circular.

Varieties offered are those which Mr. Burbank has told us personally are the best. We grow them at our place near Los Angeles, Cal., and shall send the slabs from there. We give Mr. Burbank's own descriptions.

Actual—Belongs to the upright growing section and is especially fine. Great producer of large, smooth, thick, light green slabs and a profusion of almost seedless fruits which are of good medium size pale yellow, flushed crimson. Flesh white, sweet, rich and delicious.

Opaline—(Fruit and Foliage)—Opaline produces abundantly large, oval, pale green slabs fifteen to eighteen inches long by five to eight inches wide, averaging in weight about three to five pounds each; no thorns, no bristles. The fruit is pale yellow and of fine quality, ripens at the usual time, September, October and November, but remains in good condition in Calif. on the plants through the winter until the next year in May.

Quillota—Large plant with thick oval, light green leaves. Fruit large, handsome, yellow with crimson blush; thin skin which is readily removed; firm, pale greenish almost white flesh; seeds medium to small; flesh sweet, rich, most excellent. Unlike other Opuntias it drops at once like apples when just ripe, thus saving trouble of picking. Ripens from September to April.

Price, \$1.00 each; the 3 for \$2.25.

New Hardy Cactus, Elegant.

A New Hardy Spineless Cactus for the North.

Mr. Burbank says:—It required nine years of scientific selection and manipulation to bring this to its present condition of a spineless, fast-growing heavy fruiting Cactus. Elegant is a combination and selection from the little thorny *Opuntia vulgaris* of New England which is fairly hardy in Alaska, and *O. Rafinesqui* of the western plains both as hardy as oak trees. Therefore, it may be most confidently expected to be hardy all over the United States, at least. Elegant literally covers itself with clear deep yellow flowers in summer and the next spring is covered and loaded down with brilliant scarlet fruits, one to one and one-half inch long and about three-fourths of an inch thick, which when ripe (weeks before Strawberries) is very good to eat, far superior to the little thorny fruits of the common kind children are so glad to get in the early spring. The leaves are deepest green, four to six inches long, three inches wide and half an inch thick, and make a good feed for cattle and poultry. Slabs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Rooted plants 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Superb Flowering Spineless Cactus, Basilaris.

Of all Flowering Cactus this is probably the finest. Plants stool out freely and form dense clumps of foliage, which during the flowering season are profuse with glorious blossoms of immense size and of a superb brilliant pink color with the peculiar Cactus lustre. Few flowers are so very showy and catchy as this. Price 50c. each; \$5.00 per dozen.

The Glorious Rainbow Cactus.

The plant is covered with a net-work of spines which appear in rings of different colors, ranging from creamy white to deep crimson, hence its name "Rainbow." It is a most beautiful plant at all times but when in bloom its grandeur is unsurpassed, having flowers four inches across, bright crimson with a white center. It blooms profusely and is of the easiest culture in pots. The great beauty of the plant itself, combined with the enormous size and beauty of the flowers, make what we consider to be the most charming Cactus in cultivation, and one of the most rare and lovely of all plants to possess. Sold a few years ago at \$5.00 each. Fine large plants, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Phyllocactus German Empress.

This grand Cactus is like the Night-blooming *Cereus* in size, but beautiful pink in color and are borne by the score for a long period, each flower keeping perfect several days. It is the most magnificent of all Cactus, and one of the choicest pot plants, selling recently at \$1.00 each for cutting plants. When in flower the plant is one mass of color as shown in cut. Blooms every year no matter how small the plant is. A little plant only a few inches high will often show several magnificent flowers. Very easy to grow. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Echinopsis Mulleri.

Another Fine Pot Cactus.

A most beautiful flower, and as easily grown as a Geranium in any window. It flowers for months, the long necked blossoms coming from the bulb-like plant on all sides. Color soft, satiny pink of superlative beauty. A plant in flower is one of the most fascinating floral objects that can be found. 25c. each.



Campanula Isophylla.

FALLING STARS.

A superb pot plant which flowers profusely during late summer, fall and early winter. It is the most beautiful trailing plant we ever saw; the numerous branches hanging over the sides of the pot, a perfect mass of great big star-like blossoms, white or blue. No pot plant is more easily grown in any situation, indoors or out; strong and vigorous at all times, with clean, handsome foliage and of prodigious blooming qualities. It is one of the most novel and beautiful plants we have seen in many years. The two colors contrast finely; flowers alike except in color, but the foliage is a little different. We earnestly recommend it.

Large White—Pure white, star-shaped. Exceedingly beautiful. 25c. each.

Large Blue—Flowers just like the above except in color, which is a fine blue. 25c. each.

The 2 for 40c.



Our Great New Hydrangeas.

For tubs or bedding what is more beautiful or classier than big bushy Hydrangeas standing in large pots or tubs adorning porches, verandas or the lawn. They are easily grown and any one can have them who will plant the following superb new sorts. They are also fine for bedding out in summer, and produce clusters of bloom by the score, as large as a man's hat. Winter plants in a cellar or pit.

Sea Shell—Probably this is the most magnificent of all pot plants. It is a new color running to a most exquisite soft Sea Shell pink or a blue tinted pink or pink tinted blue, there being some variations. The clusters of bloom are simply enormous, as many as twenty appearing on a year old plant at one time. Very small cutting plants also bloom when only a few months old. One of the very best things we ever had.

Mam. Manillara—This is truly a giant-flowering Hydrangea, with flowers fully three to four times larger than any other. Single florets three inches across are produced on well grown plants. It is so much larger and finer than any other sort that there is no comparison. Color pure white. Blooms when plants are very small.

Avalanche—Exactly like the above except in color which is pure white and perfectly magnificent.

Bouquet Rose—Flowers a foot across, fine dark pink tinged amber.

Emile Monillere—Flowers very symmetrical, and freely borne. Pure white with a fine carmine-pink center. Very attractive and beautiful. Entirely distinct and unlike any other Hydrangea.

Renel Gaillard—Thick woody habit; enormous size and perfect bearing. Creamy white with fringed edges.

Anges Barillet—A most floriferous variety of splendid habit. Flowers large, round soft creamy white. Excellent for forcing for winter.

25c. each; 3 for 60c.; the 7 for \$1.25.

Manettia Vine.

In the house it can be trained all around a window, and it will be a solid wreath of bloom both summer and winter; in the open ground, during summer, it will grow ten feet, branching freely and covering a large space of trellis, arbor or wall, showing at all times thousands of bright blossoms. The flowers are 1½ to 2 inches long, and of the most intense fiery scarlet, shading off to a bright yellow tip. They are also covered with a scarlet moss or hairy substance, which adds much to their beauty, and each flower keeps perfect for weeks before fading. No plant is easier to grow, and it commences to bloom most profusely, at all times. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.



Lily-of-the-Valley Plant.

A beautiful new plant of trailing or creeping habit, best adapted for hanging pots or baskets. It has beautiful heart-shaped leaves and branches freely, growing in most fine symmetrical form. It is in bloom all the time, the pendulous blooms appearing at the axils of the leaves and are bell-shaped, pure white, and about the size, form and color of Lily-of-the-Valley. As a specimen pot or basket flower to be suspended in the window it is the finest thing of the sort we have ever seen. Grows very rapidly and makes a lovely plant in a short time. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.



Heeria Mexicana or Crimson Creeper.

As a pot plant it is highly ornamental all the time, the long slender, and exceedingly graceful vines, red stemmed, with dark, rich green foliage, being exceedingly pretty as they hang in wavy trusses over the side of a hanging pot or basket. It blossoms during late winter, spring and early summer, the flowers being large and of a peculiar shade of rich bright crimson, and borne in great profusion. Exceedingly attractive and novel. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Double Chinese Hibiscus.

Where can we find a more striking plant than this with its glossy leaves and huge flaming flowers of satin-like texture? Summer or winter, it is always budding and blooming. Pots of Hibiscus are extra fine for piazza or balcony, and for bedding out in summer.

Peachblow—This is one of the finest plant novelties offered in recent years. The flowers are double, and from four to five inches in diameter; of a charming, rich, clear pink color, with small, deep crimson center; an entirely new and most beautiful shade; it blooms abundantly and continuously, even in small plants.

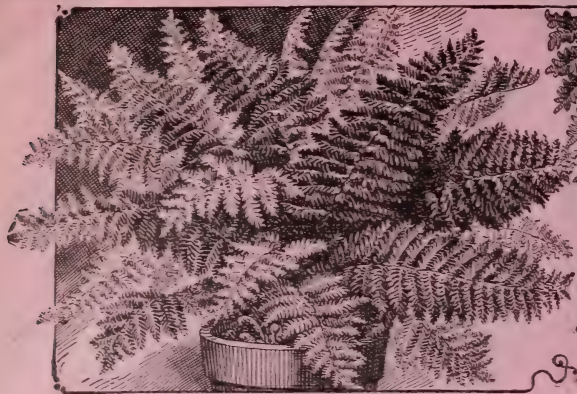
Auriantica—Very large double orange-yellow.

Makes a fine contrast with Peachblow and Minneatus.

Minneatus—As gorgeous and fine as the best Peony and fully as large. Bush blooms when but a foot high. Blossoms a burning crimson very double.

Cooperi—Most exquisite foliage being variegated green, white, pink and red. A highly ornamental foliage plant. Fine plants, 20c. each; 4 for 65c.





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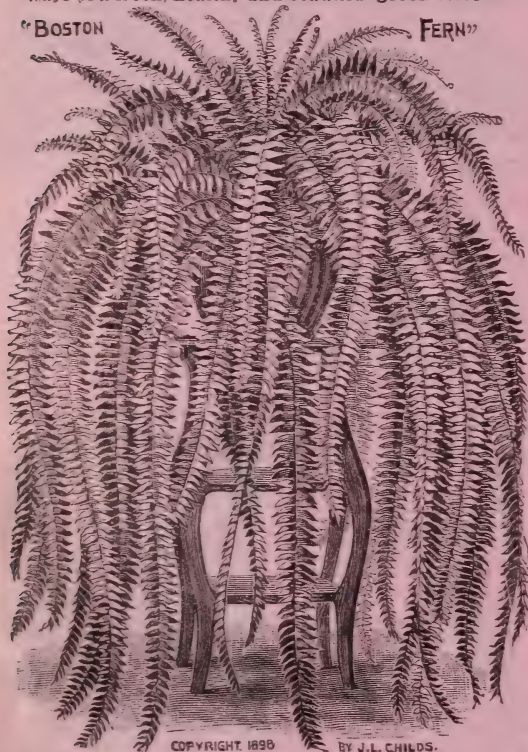
Boston Ferns.

We make a specialty of Boston Ferns and grow immense quantities of them. We have all the newest and best sorts which we aim to offer at low prices.

This is the finest decorative plant in cultivation. All are robust, vigorous and easily grown in any window, in heat or cold, sun or shade. Few flowering plants can equal in beauty a well grown Boston Fern of any variety. The mass of elegant foliage which endures for such a long time is beyond adequate description.

Boston Fern—(ORIGINAL)—Of all decorative plants for house culture, this is perhaps the most imposing and satisfactory. It is so hardy that it will stand and thrive in most any situation in a room even if out of the sun's rays. Plants form an immense number of graceful, drooping fronds, varying in length from two to five feet and always of a fresh, healthy and beautiful green color.

"BOSTON" FERN



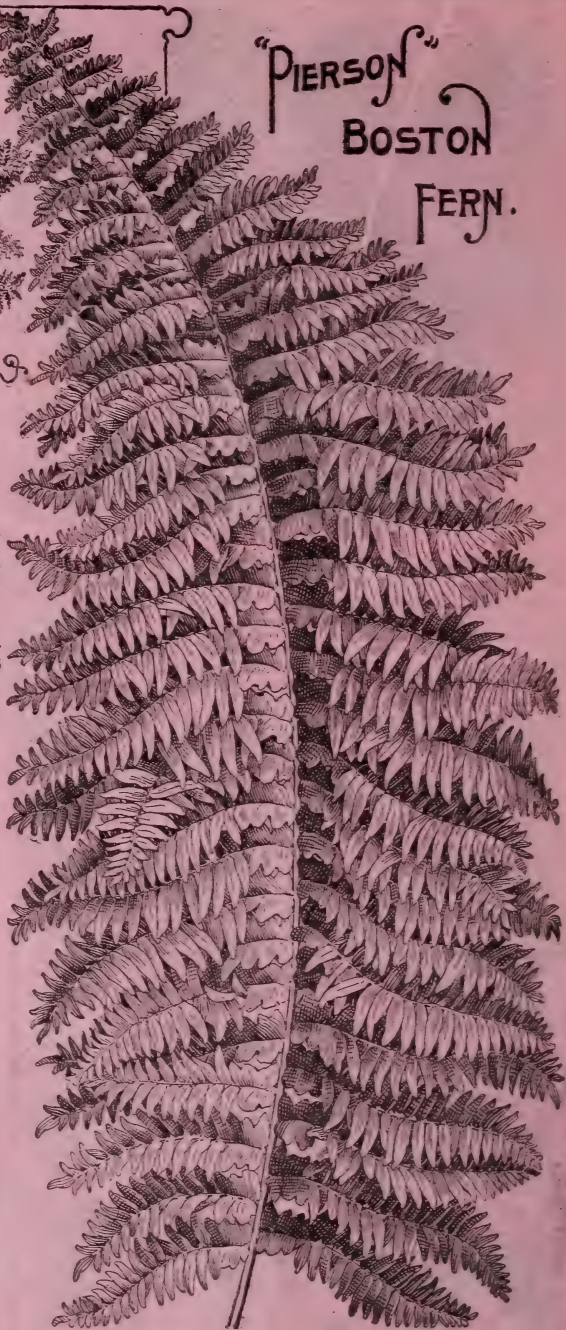
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Mrs. Roosevelt—A great improvement on the old Boston Fern. It is more upright in growth, grows faster and makes about four fronds to the old varieties one. It is also a deeper and richer color.

Teddie Jr.—A superb dwarf form of the splendid Mrs. Roosevelt Fern. New.

Scholtz—This is really a fine crested form of Scotti. Fronds erect with graceful arch. Makes a most beautiful plant at any size or stage of growth.



Pierston's Boston Fern—Immense wavy fronds, of the Ostrich Plume type, but longer and more beautifully feathered. Without doubt it is the most magnificent Fern grown, and possesses all the hardy, robust and easy growing qualities peculiar to the common Boston Fern and its varieties.

Pierston's Baby Boston Fern—A great novelty and a great beauty. Like Pierston's Fern, only smaller in size and far more feathery and plume-like. It is perfectly exquisite.

Superbissima—New; long dark green fronds in great clusters, each frond rolled, curled and crinkled in an odd and beautiful way.

Scotti—A decided acquisition. It is a dwarf, compact grower, and has two or three times as many fronds as the Boston Fern. It makes symmetrical, handsome plants in either large or small size.

(For prices see next page.)



Amorpha—This to our mind is the most graceful and beautiful of all the Boston Ferns. It is very much superior to the Fern Ball, and well adapted to a hanging pot. Fronds broad, finely cut and waved like ostrich plumes. No other Fern fronds so beautiful as this.

Lace or Baby (Goodi)—This has the finest foliage of all Ferns. It is so delicate that a lady on seeing it exclaimed, "Call it the Baby's Breath." It gives the impression of fine lace work. Our word for it, no Fern in existence can compare with it in fluffiness. It is a hardy, easy grower in any window, dwarf, compact and perfectly charming in every respect.



NEW BOSTON FERN, TUBEROSA PLUMOSA.

Muscosa—A very dwarf Fern, with dense compact fronds of the deepest and richest emerald green. A fine companion to the Lace Fern. No other Fern like it.

Elegantissima—New and very fine. On the order of Pierson's but differing in a more elegant frond. This is about the best of the lot for all-around purposes.

Elegantissima Compacta—A very dwarf compact form of the above. Fronds shorter and more numerous. This is in every way distinct and unlike any other sort. For a very dwarf compact Fern it is superb.

PRICE—SPECIAL OFFER.

All Ferns only 20c. each; any 4 for 60c. The Collection of 13 for only \$1.50.



Two Grand New Boston Ferns.

We have here two new Boston Ferns of exquisite beauty and entirely distinct from all others. Robusta has immense wide fronds, and Plumosa the true Ostrich foliage.

Robusta—The largest of all with immense wide fronds of great beauty. Unsurpassed for foliage effect, the great fronds showing up to wonderful advantage.

Tuberosa Plumosa—Exquisitely beautiful, the laterals of the fronds streaming out and drooping and curling like ostrich feathers. Color darker and richer green than others. Habit fine, making a plant of great beauty.

These two new sorts, 30c. each; the 2 for 50c.

New Everblooming Pelargoniums.

See Colored Plate on Cover (Inside.)

These new Pelargoniums are considered by many to be the finest pot plants in cultivation. Surely they are the greatest novelty in window plants that have been introduced in twenty years. Habit, strong, compact, and bushy, with the strongest constitution and the greatest wealth of beautiful luxuriant foliage to be found in any Pelargonium or Geranium.

The plants are perpetual in blooming habit, especially from March to September. They are like the largest specimen plants of the most exquisite Azaleas, with flowers equally large, the petals beautifully curved and cupped, and borne in endless profusion. Two plants in five-inch pots produced respectively from April to June 31st., 139 and 126 tresses of magnificent blooms, five or six immense flowers to each tress.

No plant is easier to grow in any window or garden. In

this respect it is as much superior to the old sorts as it is larger and more magnificent in flower and foliage.

Easter Greeting—Brilliant rose, each of the 5 large petals being marked with a large brown-black spot in the center. The spot being bordered with scarlet daintily penciled with crimson. The combination is very striking and at once catches the eye of the most careless observer. The florets are very large, from $2\frac{1}{4}$ to $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter and are very durable either on the plant or when cut.

Easter Morn—A sport from the above and just like it except in color which is a light lavender pink, the large brown-black blotches being beautifully penciled, feathered and flushed brilliant scarlet. Blooms continually.

Strong Plants, 40c. each; the 2 for 75c.; \$3.50 per dozen.

New Double Flowered Orange.

For sweetness, for purity and for exquisite loveliness the Orange blossom has held undisputed sway for ages. Is a double Orange blossom superior to a single? Yes, as much so as a double rose is superior to a single rose, and this is the first introduction of a double-flowered Orange. A plant of dwarf bushy growth, suitable for pots, but in orange sections it is the most beautiful flowering tree for the garden ever seen. Flowers as large as a silver half dollar, full, double and of much greater fragrance than the single. Blooms profusely as a small plant in pots, like the Otaheite, but always growing larger, and it bears fruit too. One of the most important novelties we ever brought out.

Price, fine young plants, \$1.00 each. Large plants from 5-inch pots \$5.00 each.



NEW PERPETUAL PELARGONIUM—EASTER GREETING.

Pelargoniums.

These giant-flowered Pelargoniums are really remarkable for size and coloring, the delicate shades and markings being indescribable.

Hawaii—A splendid tinted white, with large, rich velvety maroon and rose splashed in upper petals. Extra large.

Luzon—Enormous size, round, wide-open shape, pure white with violet-maroon blotches. Quite new as to shape.

Marion—The same plants bear flowers of different colors. One cluster of bloom will be white marked with crimson, while another will be fine rose marked purple.

Samoa—Very dark velvety crimson, shading on black.

30c. each; the 4 for \$1.00.



PANSY PELARGONIUM.

Pansy Pelargonium.

(A superb old variety now quite rare.)

The Pansy Pelargonium is a very profuse bloomer in spring and summer. The flowers are like good sized pansies in large clusters and show to wonderful advantage, being of beautiful tinted white with large dark velvety blotches making them very conspicuous. It is a robust, hardy free growing pot plant that is sure to give great satisfaction. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



DOUBLE
GERANIUM.

Giant Flowered Geraniums.

These Geraniums show great improvement over sorts previously introduced, in habit, vigor, size and quality of bloom and radiant coloring. For several years they have been the admiration of all who have visited our conservatories. They have been carefully compared with the best new sorts of recent years, and in every point they show superiority. Habit compact, with large, healthy foliage. Flowers perfect in shape; round, and sometimes beautifully cupped. Trusses immense, and the blooming qualities of the plant truly wonderful. But in color they are perfect marvels; showing combinations and brightness of tints hitherto unknown.

SINGLE SORTS.

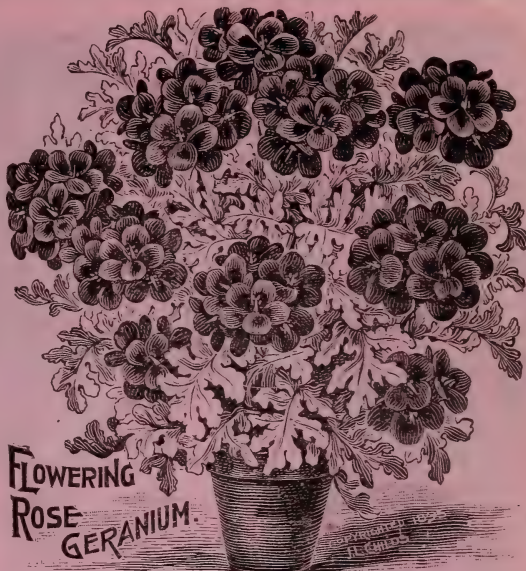
- Alabama**—Deepest, darkest red; a grand and rich color.
Almira Star—Extra fine white.
Blue Tint—This remarkable variety has a large flower of a distinct bluish tinge. Center rayed orange-scarlet.
Colorado—White, tinted violet-pink. Ashade so delicate and shifting as to be perfectly exquisite.
Clare Frenot—Magnificent flower and enormous truss; beautiful rose color.
Indiana—Pure lilac-pink, spotted. Very large size.
Idaho—Bright rose-colored center rayed white and spotted.
Kansas—Intense orange-scarlet, each petal beautifully veined with dark color.
Massachusetts—Extraordinary size and beautifully colored. Exquisite pure pink with white rayed center, freely spotted or specked.
New York—Enormous cluster of great substance; beautiful round flowers. Soft pink; perfectly exquisite.
New Jersey—White, tinted, veined and spotted.
Oregon—Flowers very large and perfectly magnificent. Orange-scented, clouded and mottled with pure white.
Ohio—Flowers like a Pelargonium. Deep blood-scarlet, veined black; upper petals rayed intense orange-scarlet.
Pennsylvania—Pure snow-white; best of its color.
Tennessee—This is the largest single Geranium. Flowers the size of a silver dollar, in large handsome clusters. Under all conditions it will be larger than any other sort, especially when bedded out. Color soft rose pink.
 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen. The 15 sorts for \$2.00.

SCENTED LEAVED GERANIUMS.

- Mrs. Taylor**—A distinct variety of the scented Geraniums with a strong rose fragrance, and large deep scarlet flowers of the Hybrid Perpetual class. Combines free flowering qualities with fragrant foliage. Very useful for summer cut flowers, and as a pot plant for winter.
Pink Sport—A fine sport from the above and just like it in every respect except in color which is a charming pink—the two make a splendid combination.
Nutmeg—Small downy leaves, elegantly scented.
Rose Scented—Old, well known sort.
 20c. each; the 4 for 60c.

NEW DOUBLE IVY-LEAVED GERANIUMS.

- Crackerjack**—This is the finest and in every way the most wonderful Geranium ever introduced. It is of our own origin and a cross between a double Ivy-leaved sort and the ordinary double kind and shows characteristics of both. Foliage somewhat like the Ivy-leaved. Branches



FLOWERING
ROSE
GERANIUM.

MRS. TAYLOR AND PINK SPORT.

- long and graceful but not of a trailing character, while the enormous double blossoms are of a delicate pink color with a big crimson blotch in each petal. Beautiful.
Etincelant—Without question the most brilliantly colored Ivy Geranium ever raised. Color intense scarlet, with very large flowers borne in good sized trusses.
Leopard—Unique in color, large in size, and very free in bloom. The color combination is one of the most striking we know of, and at first glance it is often taken to be a Pelargonium. The very large flowers are a dainty lavender pink, blotched with crimson in the upper petals.
 20c. each; the 3 for 50c.

DOUBLE GERANIUMS.

- These are the finest double Geraniums yet introduced.
Abbie Schafer—One of the finest bedders; splendid flowers, magnificent trusses, abundantly produced throughout the entire season; semi-dwarf, short-jointed grower; the color is a soft pleasing crimson-scarlet.
Brilliance—Light scarlet. Strong, robust and large.
Electre—A brilliant shade of clear wallflower violet.
Genl. Grant—Brilliant scarlet. Favorite for bedding.
Louis Maindron—Flowers of a brilliant madder-red, large white center, forming a most brilliant combination of colors; excellent habit of growth; immense open flowers.
Mammoth—Intense orange-scarlet. Fine and showy.
Mayflower—White, tinted pink. Very fine.
S. A. Nutt—Richest blood crimson.
Sensation—Very large truss of deep crimson-black blossoms, and elegant silver margined foliage. Highly ornamental and very beautiful.
Sea Shell—Large flowers and truss; bright pink.
Theo. Botrel—Lovely coral-red.
Volunteer—Violet-crimson; large and fine.
Variegata—Foliage beautifully mottled and variegated white, green and creamy-yellow. Flowers, bright scarlet, double and in big trusses. A vigorous grower.
White Swan—Very floriferous. An extra fine pot Geranium covered with large trusses of snow-white flowers that are very double and perfect. Finest white.

15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 12 for \$1.40.

RARE GERANIUMS.

- These are extra fine, scarce sorts of great beauty.
American Beauty—Color of the famous rose of that name. Intense double flower. A free branching sort, perpetual bloomer, and extra fine in every way.
Double, New Life—Double with scarlet and white petals. Very odd and showy.
Double, Mrs. White—Pure white thickly spotted crimson.
John Lewis Childs—Color, pale, pearly pink, heavily mottled and spotted with crimson. The background is a good light color and the spots bright and brilliant. It is one of the best spotted varieties known.
Mrs. Languth—Color of foliage, deep green, heavily striped with silvery-white; the zone of the leaf is pure white. Large blossoms. Color, aniline-scarlet.
Mrs. Parker—While the foliage is a deep green with a broad border of pure white, the flower is perfectly double and of a clear bright pink, a combination novel and beautiful.
Paris—A very distinct and attractive variety; ground color white, slightly splashed and striped deep pink. Nothing like it; quite unique.
 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; the 7 for \$1.25.

OTAHEITE
ORANGE.

Otaheite Orange.

An extra fine pot plant with glossy leaves the true fragrant Orange blooms and abundant little bright oranges that will hang on the little bush like balls of gold for six months after they are ripe. They will bloom and fruit in a two inch pot; and we have seen a plant in a common window that was but 15 inches high and had 25 oranges on it. With good sunlight they are never out of fruit from one year's end to another and at least two-thirds of the time are in flower also. The fruit is very sweet and handsome. Could we have but one plant in our window it would be an Otaheite Orange. In beauty, grace and fragrance there is nothing like the delicate, leafy sprays of bloom, so exquisite, dainty, lovely and adorable. Fine plants for blooming and fruiting at once. 25c. each; 3 for 60c. Extra large 40c. each.

Wonder Lemon.

A lemon that can be as easily grown in pots as a Geranium and which produces fruit weighing from one to three pounds each. These enormous fruits are borne on plants one to two feet high growing in 5 or 6 inch pots. It is ever-bearing and its fruit is delicious for lemonade and culinary purposes. It makes a beautiful specimen plant for the house. Has large deep green leaves and pure, waxy-like flowers that are fragrant as Orange blossoms. The enormous lemons have a thin rind and are full of acid juice. Will thrive in any good soil, either indoors or out. 25c. each; 3 for 60c. Extra large 40c. each.



FUCHSIA

WONDER
LEMON

Olea Fragrans, (Fragrant Olive.)

A most glorious everblooming pot plant.

This is the sweetest flower that blooms, belonging to the Olive family and is a perpetual bloomer, never without flowers, either summer or winter, though the plant may not be a foot in height. The flowers are small, creamy white and borne in clusters. Each individual blossom, though no larger than the head of a shawl-pin has more sweetness than the largest and most fragrant Lily. Its fragrance is also delicate and charming, really the finest of all flowers, and you cannot pass a plant without noticing it. It succeeds well in any window. 30c. each; 3 for 75c.

Fuchsias.

Well known and highly prized pot plants.

Elm City—Large double purple with scarlet sepals.

Glorie de Merches—Large double white with scarlet sepals. Very fine.

Trailing Queen—A lovely drooping habit, hanging down over the side of the pot, displaying a mass of beautiful foliage and large flowers of rosy scarlet and violet purple color. Flowers borne in great clusters, buds long and graceful.

Trophee—Double; buds quite round and beautiful deep red color; open flower, dark purple and very beautiful.

Rosains Patri—A variety unsurpassed among all the Fuchsias, with white corolla. Tube and sepals are brilliant deep scarlet, thick and leathery in texture; corolla is very large, double and pure white.

Snow Storm—Immense double white.

Blue Bottle—A fine big single purple-blue.

15c. each; the 7 for 75c.

Marguerite, Mrs. Fred Sander.

New Double Paris Daisy.

This superb double variety has created a sensation wherever exhibited. The color is snowy white; the growth is free; the stems long. It is in fact a plant which will eventually find a place in every garden, large or small. During the cool months of late autumn and winter it throws a small percentage of single flowers along with the doubles, but during spring and summer fully ninety per cent. are perfectly double. Price, strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Oleander.

What home is complete without its tub of Oleander? A very attractive plant that can be grown in almost any soil or situation, kept growing all the year, or rested in the cellar. Its dark green, willow-like foliage is in itself neat and pleasing; but when it blooms it is beautiful beyond expression with its many large, delicate satin-like flowers.

Pink—Large blossoms of fine rosy-pink. Very double.

White—Magnificent large snow-white double blossoms.

Crimson—Fine deep crimson-red. Extra.

Yellow—Large and very beautiful.

Variegata—Leaves bordered with creamy white; flowers pink, very double. A magnificent plant, the contrast of foliage and delicate color of blossoms being very striking.

Price, 25c. each; the five for \$1.00.



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Euphorbia Jacquiniflora.

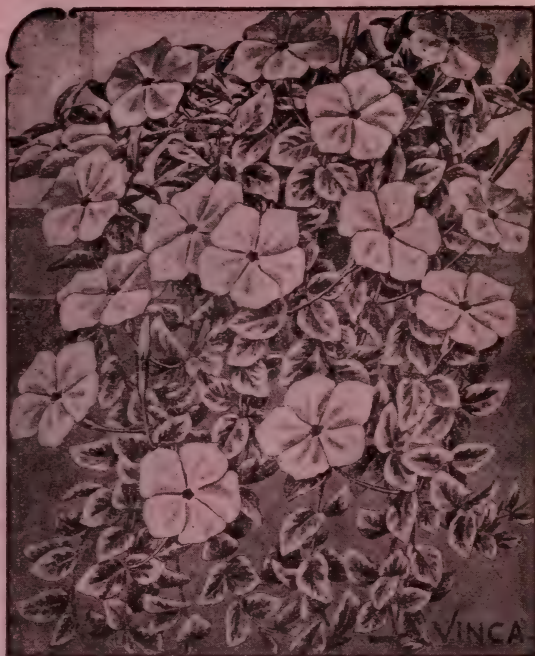
As a winter bloomer this plant has no superior. No matter how small a plant may be, it is bound to be full of bloom all winter long. Color intense crimson-scarlet and blossoms are produced so profusely as to completely wreath every branch in brilliancy. Flowers keep perfect two months before fading. Fine plants 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



The Mexican Primrose.

It is strictly a perennial bloomer, as it is in flower at all times of the year, a good specimen showing most of the time from ten to thirty large saucer-shaped blossoms about three inches across. The superb colors, combined with airy grace and beautiful form, go to make a flower which is perfection itself. The plant inclines to a trailing habit, sweeping its branches out over the ground, or drooping over the sides of the pot, holding its large silky flowers erect, so that their unsurpassed beauty is seen to best advantage. As a plant for hanging pot or basket it is unexcelled. As a window plant it combines great hardiness and ease of culture with unsurpassed beauty and delicate loveliness and profusion of bloom. Bright deep pink, veined with scarlet, and with a light center.

20c. each; 3 for 50c.



VINCA.

Variegated Vinca.

A lovely trailing vine, with variegated leaves and large sky blue blossoms which are borne profusely during winter. It makes a lovely pot or basket plant, the beautiful flowers appearing all winter. Also hardy in the garden where it blooms very early in the spring.

White and Green—With large deep blue flowers.

Green and Yellow—With light blue flowers. Both very fine and distinct.

15c. each; the 2 for 25c.; \$1.10 per dozen.

Streptosolen Amabilis Magnifica.

Absolutely the freest-flowering pot plant in cultivation. It is not only in bloom every day of the year, but it is full of bloom all the time. How a plant can support such a wealth of flowers day after day, week after week, month after month and year after year is a mystery. The plant is entirely new and one of the easiest pot or window plants to grow that it is possible to find. It flowers from the time the plant leaves the cutting bed, no matter how small. Flowers large and of a rich dark blue color that is very attractive. It is, in fact, the best, and almost the only blue-flowering pot plant that is of easy culture and continuous flowering. One of the finest pot plants. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.



TRUE
IRISH SHAMROCK

True Irish Shamrock.

The stock is genuine and thoroughly acclimated, having been grown here several years. A very beautiful pot plant with dark chocolate and green foliage. Each stem with 3 to 5 leaves, like 4-leaf clover. A lovely foliage plant that attracts great attention. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Rose Winter Gem.

A Tea Rose of remarkably strong and vigorous growth, and a prodigious bloomer all the year. It flowers all the time, particularly during winter, hence its name. The blossoms are borne on long graceful stems, are of large size, and a lovely crimson pink color. Buds perfectly exquisite, and the open flower full and double. It is the strongest, heaviest, most vigorous and rapid growing Tea Rose in cultivation. One plant of it will produce more good Roses in a year than 12 plants of any other Tea Rose grown. The plant will bloom continually, and nothing but killing it outright will check it. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

Baby Rambler Roses.



Very striking and satisfactory pot or bedding Roses for general cultivation.

Crimson Baby Rambler—This Rose is a dwarf everblooming Crimson Rambler, bearing great clusters of bright crimson double blossoms all the year round just as Crimson Rambler does in June. It is really valuable as a pot or garden Rose and blooms profusely summer, winter, spring and fall. Fleshy rooted cutting plants when only a few inches high begin to bear most beautiful clusters of bloom, and as the plant grows larger it becomes a marvelous bouquet of beautiful foliage and bright flowers. Perfectly hardy in the open ground where it blooms all the time, and as a pot plant it will produce 25 flowers to one of any other sort.

White Baby Rambler—This does not differ from the above except in color which is purest snow white.

Little Dorothy—One of the best new Roses in a long time. Bush very dwarf and completely smothered in large bright pink blossoms at all times. Often 100 blooms in a cluster. It is one of the most attractive pot or garden plants ever grown, and always in bloom.

20c. each; the 3 for 50c.; \$1.75 per dozen.

Childs' Anniversary Salvia.

See cut page 45. A new Salvia which is so dwarf and compact, and its flowers so large and numerous that it is the most brilliant bedding or pot plant. It flowers all summer long, from May until frost, making a carpet or mass of the brightest colors yet seen. As a pot plant it is a solid bouquet of bloom all the fall, winter and spring. Fine flowering plants. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.00; 100 for \$7.00.

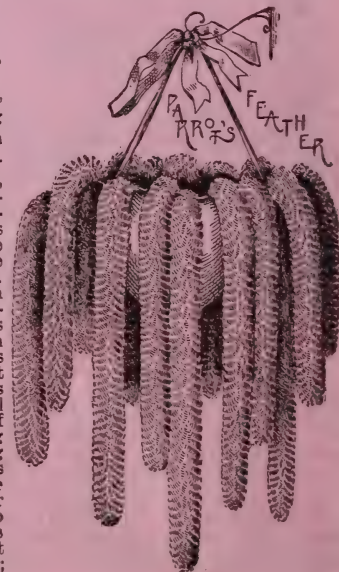


5 Fine Tea Roses for 60 cts.

For only 60 cts. we will send a collection of 5 of the very finest Tea Roses for pots or bedding, all different colors, white, yellow, pink, crimson etc. Our customers can depend upon this collection being all extra fine varieties.

Parrot's Feather.

A lovely mossy plant, with long trailing stems covered with plummy, feathery foliage, of the freshest, loveliest green imaginable. Fine for aquariums, where few plants do well, and make the water much more healthful for the fish. Grows nicely also in water tubs or ornamental pools, and is much admired when grown in hanging pots or baskets of soil. It grows as well in soil as in water if it is kept well watered. It is one of the most charming trailing and drooping plants, and furnishes an abundance of the most lovely foliage for bouquets. It grows so rapidly that it can be cut with the greatest freedom. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.





PRIMULA OBCONICA.

Obconica or Monarch Primrose.

These are the new large-flowering Obconica-Sinensis Hybrids of various colors, as large and fine as Primula-Sinensis. Colors, pink, violet, bluish, rose, lilac, white, etc. Very charming flowers, being borne in large trusses, and at all times of the year in great profusion. They bloom very quickly from seed, and the large showy blossoms are borne constantly for a year, and when we realize that these flowers are as large as P. Sinensis, and almost as varied in color, their great value is at once apparent. Plants very vigorous and as easily grown as a Geranium.

Seed—All colors mixed, 15c. per pkt.

Plants Mixed—Fine healthy stock, ready to bloom. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Big Crimson—The largest and highest colored primrose. Very showy crimson. 25c. each

Primula Melacoides.

A novelty of last year. Very profuse, with hundreds of graceful flower stems, bearing spray-like clusters of exquisite white flowers. Hardy, robust and as easily grown as a pot plant. This has proved to be one of the very finest winter blooming plants yet introduced. It blooms all winter long in wonderful profusion, and is a success in any window.

Alba—Pure white.

Violet—Fine violet tinted. 20c. each; the 2 for 30c.

Sanseveria Zealanica.

There is scarcely a decorative plant listed that is more striking in foliage and habit than this, and certainly none other that will stand as much downright neglect and hardship. It will grow in a dark hall, cool bedroom, or stand on the mantle in a heated room. It will stand gas and dust, and will go for months without a drop of water, yet remain as thrifty as ever. Erect, rigid, sword-like leaves, thick and fleshy, dark green with clouded bars of white. In May or June it sends up long, plummy spikes of soft feathery whiteness. Just the plant for sunless windows or halls, where nothing else will grow. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Resurrection Plant.

A ball of tightly folded leaflets, dry and dead. Drop it in a bowl of water and in a short time there is a great, loose, expanded rosette of fine fern-like leaves both odd and beautiful. This can be repeated many times, the plant curling tightly together when dry, expanding when soaked. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Phoenix Roebelinii.

A Superb New Palm.

The newest, and in every respect the finest and the most beautiful Palm grown, with the most graceful and beautiful foliage, and it is the most easily grown of all Palms, and just the one that will succeed in any window. Nothing can surpass it as a decorative plant. Finest Palm for outdoor culture in the Southern or Pacific States. The whole world has gone wild over it. We have the only large stock of it in America. 2 year old, 50c. each; 3 year old \$1.00.



Sweet Violets.

Alaska—A grand new sort well adapted to garden culture, being hardy and robust, and producing in spring great masses of enormous double flowers of a deep blue-black color and powerful fragrance.

Maria Louise—Lovely large double blue. A great favorite everywhere.

Belle de Brunneau—The most magnificent double Violet ever introduced. Large flowers, long stems, deepest, richest violet color and unsurpassed fragrance.

California Single—Superb long stemmed single blossoms of the richest color and fragrance.

20c. each; the 4 for 60c.; \$1.30 per dozen.

BEST HARDY ROSES,--of all classes.

SUPERB TWO YEAR OLD FIELD GROWN STOCK. (On Own Roots.)

The day of the two inch pot, small Rose plant is passed. People have found that it is cheaper to buy dormant field grown stock, ready to grow and bloom. No waiting a year for results. No fussing with and no loss as with the small greenhouse grown plants. All the following are one year old, field grown, strong, dormant bushes, ready for immediate effect. They cost a little more, but are worth a great deal more. With these success is sure.



Hybrid Perpetual.

Hybrid Perpetuals ought to be very extensively grown. The flowers are of very great size and beauty, produced in great profusion in spring, and to a considerable extent all summer. Their tall, erect habit fits them for ornamental hedges, center of large Rose beds, or clumps of shrubbery. They furnish us with deep, rich glowing colors, to be found in no other section of the family, and their flowers are also very much larger, while beautifully cupped and imbricated. Finest of all Roses for vases.

Coquette des Alps—Double and perfect, blooming in large clusters at intervals throughout the season. Snowy white.

General Jacqueminot—Large velvety flowers of the most intense maroon-scarlet, each set in a cluster of rich green leaves. Blooms repeatedly through the summer and fall and is the most popular Rose grown, without exception.

Paul Neyron—Immense double flowers, of shining carmine-pink. The largest Rose known; perfectly grand.

John Hopper—Bright rose, large and full. Superb.

Black Prince—Large, double, crimson-black. Very dark.

Frau Karl Druschki—Pure snow-white. Long buds and enormous double flowers of great beauty.

J. B. Clark—Intense, deep scarlet, heavily shaded blackish crimson; growth upright, foliage bronzy-green in the young stage. Flowers are large and beautifully formed.

30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Hybrid Tea Roses.

These combine the best qualities of both the Teas and Hybrid Perpetuals, of which they are a cross, giving us the fine coloring and large size of the Hybrid Perpetuals with the everblooming character of the Teas. Splendid for pots.

Etoile de France—Makes beautiful, large, pointed buds and extra large, fully double flowers, $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 inches across. Color intense, brilliant crimson; very fragrant.

Kaiserin Augusta Victoria—This grand Rose is still unsurpassed in beauty. Extra large, finely formed flowers, borne singly on strong, upright stems; very deep, full and sweet; color pure white, shading to lemon; a free-bloomer. One of the finest Roses.

Killarney—Flowers are rich, imperial pink. A most popular Rose, and very free bloomer.

Miss Genevieve Clark—A fine clear, bright pink. Habit bushy and free flowering. Extra fine for pots as well as the garden.

Richmond—Brightest crimson scarlet, glowing like a coal.

30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Moss Roses.

The Moss Rose is the acknowledged queen of all Roses. The moss-covered stems and buds show off the delicate loveliness of the bloom to great advantage. They are perfectly hardy in any location, and should be in every garden.

Blanche Moreau—Called perpetual, as it blooms more or less all the season. Pure white.

Crested Moss—Fine deep rosy scarlet. Very beautiful.

Crimson Globe—New; bright crimson-scarlet.

40c. each; the 5 for \$1.00.

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WICHMOSS, THE GLORIOUS NEW CLIMBING MOSS ROSE.

New Climbing Moss Rose, Wichmoss.

This is a real sensation among new roses. Stems and buds covered with beautiful moss, and bright shining green leaves of the Wichuriana type. A strong-growing sort, making shoots 5 to 8 feet in length. Very curious having the branches covered with small thorns and moss, like the Moss Rose bud, large bright dark green foliage. Flowers 2 to 3 inches wide, sweet scented, rosy white, tinted carmine-rose underneath, in clusters of 6 to 15 flowers. The ovary and sepals are mossy. It is a true climbing Moss Rose, and very beautiful.

Two year field grown plants, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00. Strong pot plants, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

New Thornless Hardy Climbing Rose, Thornless Beauty.

This might also be called a hardy, climbing thornless American Beauty, for it bears in wonderful profusion immense double pink blossoms just like that famous greenhouse variety.

Those who love high-class roses for cutting will certainly appreciate a variety without thorns. No scratching or tearing of hands when gathering, and no pricking from the stems after gathering, surely a great merit. Vines and stems are absolutely thornless. Plant a vigorous healthy grower with fine foliage and a prodigious bloomer. Flowers extra large, double to the center, full rich deep pink. A more beautiful Rose it would be difficult to find. Among climbers it is surely the most desirable of all roses, and one that will give immense satisfaction in any part of the country.

Good year old pot plants, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Beautiful New Climbing Rambler Rose— White Dorothy Perkins,

A white form of the exquisite pink hardy Rambler Dorothy Perkins is one of the recent fine Rose novelties. It varies from the older sort only in color which is pure white. It is perfectly magnificent.

Two year field plants 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Pot plants, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.



This cut is a true representation of all the Crimson Rambler class, such as Everblooming, Excelsa, Blue Rambler, Dorothy Perkins, Dorothy Dennison, Thousand Beauties and Shower of Gold.

Grandest Climbing Roses.

The following are all perfectly hardy, and by all odds the very finest of outdoor Climbing Roses.

Everblooming Crimson Rambler—A sport from the grand Crimson Rambler and just like it in every respect, and one that produces its great clusters of brilliant flowers, not alone in June, but all the summer and fall as well. It is a rapid grower, the vines covering a large space in a comparatively short time, and the great bunches of glowing crimson blossoms hanging in profusion at all times. It starts blooming very early in the season and continues to flower until late in the autumn. A further advantage is that it flowers profusely on the young wood in the first year.

Crimson Rambler—This will grow 8 to 10 feet in a season, the flowers appearing in great panicles as large as a man's hat, and of a deep, rich crimson color, like blood-colored velvet. The flowers, when cut, last two weeks in water and fully a month on the bush, which is a perfect mass of rich crimson at all times. It can be grown in various ways, as a pillar Rose, as a trellis Rose, and for covering a wall it has no equal, and when pegged down it will form a bed of itself.

Excelsa—A brilliant Crimson Rambler flower with glossy, varnished foliage. The defects of *Crimson Rambler* are its unsightly foliage in unseasonable weather, and its defoliation by insects; the infusion of *Wichuriana* blood assures an ornamental climber which is nearly ever-green, and this will assure this lovely crimson-scarlet pillar rose a place in every American garden, for it is quite hardy in addition to all its other good points.

Blue Rambler—A violet-blue seedling from *Crimson Rambler*. This is a distinct novelty in the rose-world. The

flowers appear in large clusters, after the manner of the *Crimson Rambler*. Upon first opening, the color is partly bluish red and turning soon to a steel blue. The color is best described by saying that it resembles that of early violets. It is a strong grower, has shining green foliage and few thorns. It has not been troubled by mildew and is classed among the hardiest climbing roses, withstanding the winters everywhere.

Thousand Beauties—A robust growing perpetual hardy Climbing Rose, which stands any climate and does not mildew nor winter-kill. It blooms for a period of about two months, producing great clusters of elegant double blossoms which are practically all different in color. From white to deep crimson with all intermediate shades and tints of rose, pink, bluish, yellow, orange, etc., show in the same cluster of bloom. Can one imagine anything more novel or beautiful?

Dorothy Perkins—This grand new hardy climber grows 10 to 15 feet in a season, blooms in immense clusters like the *Crimson Rambler*, but the blooms are more double and of a beautiful shell-pink color passing to clear deep rose; makes large pointed buds and is really superior to *Crimson Rambler*, blooming at the same time and making a striking contrast in color.

Dorothy Dennison—This beautiful variety is a true sport from *Dorothy Perkins*, originating in Ireland. It is quite identical with the parent, save in the color, which is soft shell-pink with white bases to the petals.

Shower of Gold—(*New Hardy Yellow Rambler*).—A very vigorous grower, producing long laterals covered with beautiful glossy *Wichuriana* foliage. Flowers deep golden yellow and orange, in fine trusses; one of the finest "Ramblers" leaving little to be desired in a yellow. Produces a mass of bloom. The foliage is beautiful in form, in color, and in its high metallic lustre.

PRICE—Vigorous two year old field grown plants, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.10; \$3.00 per dozen. Green plants from small pots, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; the 8 for \$1.25 or \$1.75 per dozen.



The Grandest Hardy Flowering Shrubs.

Nothing can take the place of Shrubbery for the lawn, for hedges and specimen clumps. Shrubs thrive in any situation, are beautiful all summer, producing some of the choicest out-door blossoms. The list here offered is a select one, including only the very finest and most desirable new or rare and choice sorts.

PRICE—All Shrubs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00; or \$1.50 per dozen.

Large specimens 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00; \$2.50 per dozen.

Azalea Amonea—A lovely hardy evergreen Azalea with beautiful foliage, and fine compact bushy growth. In May or June the plants are densely covered with rich violet-red blossoms, which are exceedingly showy. Every leaf and twig is hidden by the quantity of flowers.



Azalea, Snowbank—Finest of all New Hardy Shrubs. This Azalea is perfectly hardy in the open ground anywhere, blooms profusely, the flowers being pure white, of the same size and general appearance as the well known greenhouse variety (Indica.) As a hardy flowering shrub it is most superb.

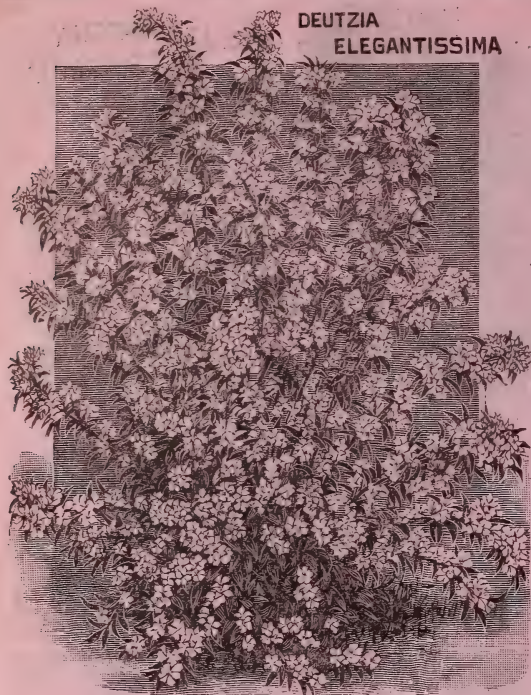
Azalea, Amonea Superba—This is as hardy as an oak and the most profusely flowering shrub ever seen, its mass of burning color making a great effect. Color intense deep crimson. We can recommend it as a shrub that will give great satisfaction. Blooms profusely when plants are very small. Flowers of large size.

Althea—A fine tall-growing shrub, that once planted is good for a lifetime. Blooms when but a slip of a plant, but eventually reaches the size of a small tree. Always a symmetrical upright grower, well clothed with a dark green foliage, and bears every year, without fail, a profusion of large, showy double flowers that closely resemble Hollyhocks in shape and colors, but often larger in size. They bloom from midsummer until frost, at a time when few other shrubs are in bloom. Fine for cemetery planting or for growing upon the lawn. In Europe this is the most popular of all flowering shrubs.



Daphne Cneorum—A hardy shrub which trails over the ground in a most beautiful manner. Extra fine for any position, and being evergreen it is the most desirable plant we know of for cemeteries. The plant is composed of spiral branches of dense evergreen leaves. The flowers are lovely pink color, in clusters, and are borne profusely in early spring, and during summer and fall. It is one of the most fragrant of all flowers.

Deutzia Lemoinei—This is the greatest recent novelty in flowering shrubs. It makes a low compact bush which in June is loaded down with large, round, snow-ball-like clusters of pure white flowers. We know of nothing more beautiful for the garden, yet it has the added merit of being a grand pot plant for winter blooming. It is not too large for a pot and blossoms very finely at any time during winter. It is becoming very popular for Easter.



DEUTZIA
ELEGANTISSIMA

Deutzia Crenata Magnifica—A shrub of phenomenal beauty and unlike any other Deutzia. Stems large, bronze green, middle-sized leaves, pointed and finely toothed. Numberless flowers in the form of crowded panicles, round, opening in large, full, double blossoms. It blooms freely in May.

Deutzia Elegantissima Pink—Flowers borne on long branches or stems, straight and slender, carrying each fifteen to eighteen round blossoms, well open, and of a beautiful light-rose color. This distinct shrub has a long flowering period and is one of the most beautiful.

Deutzia Elegantissima White—A sport from the above, and is exactly like it except in color which is pure white.

Forsythia, or Golden Bell—Very early in the spring, while yet leafless, the Golden Bell hangs out its rows of drooping, bright golden bells. The leaves that come later are of a dark, almost myrtle green, turning early in fall to a rich bronzy-purple, and remaining long on the bush in that condition. The bush grows rapidly, and forms a weeping fountain four to six feet high. One of our best.



SWEET PEA SHRUB.

Sweet Pea Shrub—(*Robinia Hespida*)—When in bloom it is really a big bouquet, so full is it of dainty sprays of large, lovely rose-pink blossoms, to which the graceful pinnate foliage is an admirable background. Very hardy and robust, and commences to bloom when but a foot high. Its glorious flowers are borne in clusters and are the size and shape of the most lovely Sweet Peas.



Hydrangea Snowball—This might be called a perpetual blooming *Hydrangea Paniculata Grandiflora*. It is certainly superior to that grand old sort, in that it begins blooming in May or June and continues in great profusion until frost, while the old variety only begins to bloom in August and September. The flowers of the Snowball *Hydrangea* are pure snow white, the clusters almost as round as a ball and large as a man's hat. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; \$2.00 per dozen.

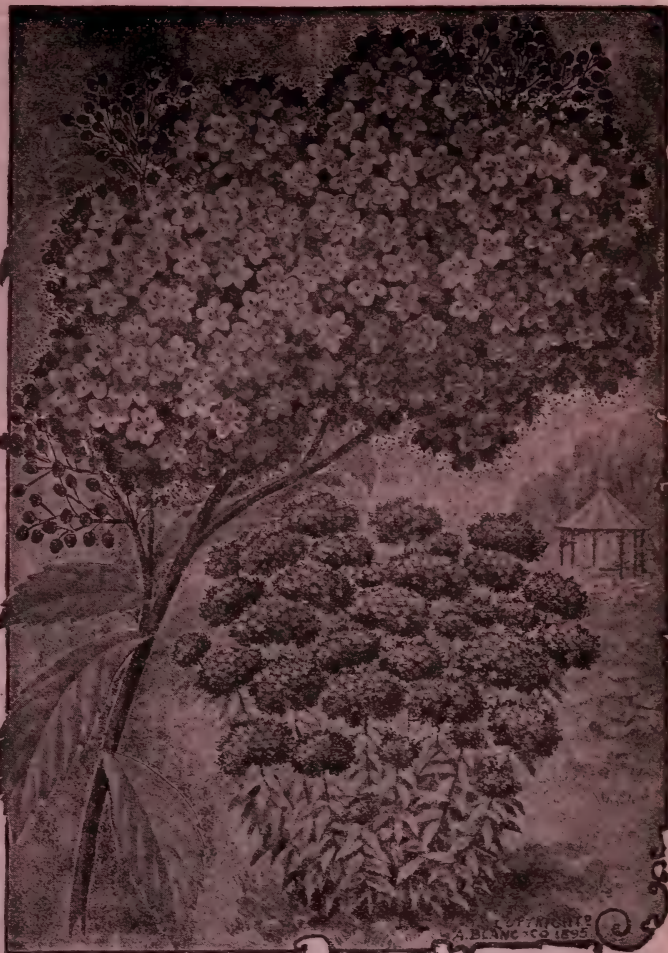


Hydrangea Paniculata—Generally considered the most valuable and ornamental shrub in existence. Bushy and robust, every branch tipped in midsummer with an immense close panicle of flat snow-white flowers of gigantic size. The trusses of bloom are ten to twelve inches long and nearly as thick through, lasting for two or three months, turning pinkish toward the last. No other shrub makes such a show on the lawn or is so universally admired. Grand for cemetery use, and always blooms finely the first summer.



DOUBLE SYRINGA.

New Double Syringa—(Mock Orange)—This is a new Syringa with flowers double the size of the old variety, of pure white color, and mostly very double like immense white roses. The bush begins to bloom when very small, but eventually grows to a considerable size and the flowers are produced in greatest abundance during May and June, but it blooms to some extent all summer and fall. The abundance of flowers is marvelous, the shrub being literally smothered with the profusion of its large, pure, rose-like blossoms of powerful and unexcelled fragrance. Hardy and robust in any situation. The finest new shrub in many years.



SPIREA ANTHONY WATERER.

Spirea Anthony Waterer—A perpetual bloomer, and suitable either for garden or pots. It is of dwarf habit, flowering profusely when only a few inches in height, and at all times and seasons. The flowers are of a lovely dark crimson-red color, borne in dense clusters, and have a peculiar feathery appearance which is beautiful.

Spirea Froebeli—A glorious new Spirea surpassing Anthony Waterer as it is more dwarf, and broader in general effect. Flowers in immense flat cymes, very brilliant red in color and borne in such profusion that gives a fine glow of color even at a distance. One of the very finest new things.

Wolfberry—Of dwarf, low branching habit, forming a dense globular bush with fine glaucous foliage and pink blossoms. Its special beauty however is in its great crop of beautiful round snow white berries which last well into the winter. Highly ornamental.

Weigelia Eva Rathke—A grand New Everblooming Weigelia, producing great quantities of blooms all the season, in magnificent clusters on the terminal branches. Color, deep, rich, blood red, the finest color yet seen among Weigelias. A very valuable novelty and the finest all around flowering shrub.

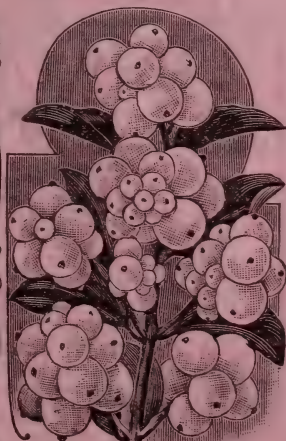
Weigelia Rosea Variegata—Leaves light green heavily variegated with a creamy yellow, making a charming effect, but when its myriads of long, tubular, rose-colored blossoms are out, bending every branch to the ground we see one of the most magnificent flowers in cultivation. Do not miss it.

Weigelia Rosea Gigantea—Immense rose color. A superb shrub in every respect.

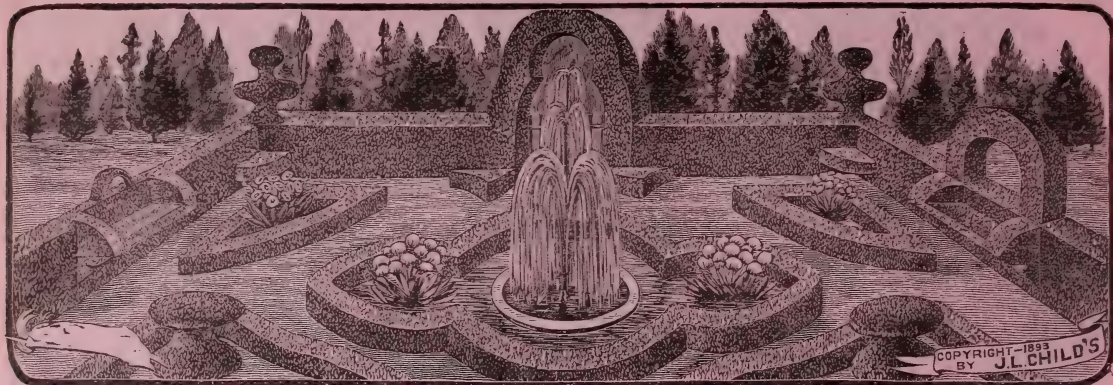
Weigelia Nana Variegata—Very dwarf with variegated leaves and pink flowers.

PRICE

All shrubs 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00 or \$1.50 per doz. Larger specimens 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00; \$2.50 per doz., prepaid.



WOLFBERRY.



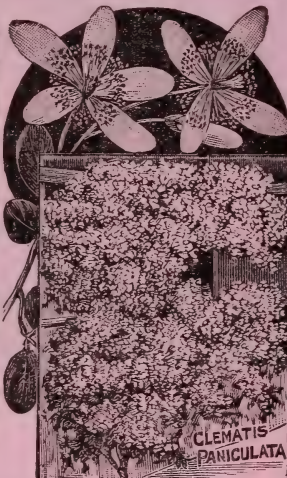
PRIVET FOR BORDERS AND HEDGES.

Privet for Hedges.

Nothing makes so fine a hedge, as the California Privet, which is perfectly hardy and almost evergreen, as its beautiful bright shining dark green leaves do not drop until nearly spring. Set plants 1 to 2 feet apart and trim to any height desired. Hedge will be so dense that a chicken can hardly get through it. Beautiful and neat at all times. Will grow to any height desired from 1 foot to 15. Fine stock 12 to 18 inches, 60c. per doz.; \$4.00 per 100; \$30 per 1000.



AMPELOPSIS VEITCHI.



CLEMATIS PANICULATA

Finest Hardy Vines.

These are the very best hardy Vines.

Honeysuckle, Golden Leaved—Innumerable sprays of the most perfect little leaves that are covered with a network of gold and green, often marked with pink also. Nothing finer to combine with corsage bouquets, while for trimming floral baskets they are great. Blossoms pure white. 15c. each; \$1.25 per dozen.

Honeysuckle, Halliana—The best white monthly Honeysuckle, with dark green foliage, which keeps fresh and green nearly all winter, and beautiful clusters of sweet-scented flowers that open a snow-white and turn a pale yellow. These flowers are produced in profusion from early spring to late fall. 15c. each; \$1.25 per dozen.

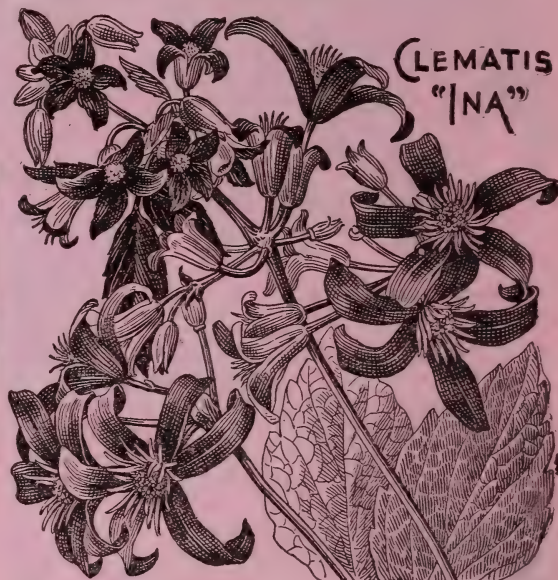
Ampelopsis Veitchi—The best wall climber. Clings tightly by suckers thrown out along the stems to brick, stone, etc., and is a wall of living green the summer through, turning in autumn to a flaming crimson, when it is fairly gorgeous. It stands the dust and dry air of cities admirably. 3 for 30c.; 12 for 75c.; per 100 \$6.00.

Clematis Paniculata—Clean, thrifty, robust growing vine, of graceful habit with attractive glossy green foliage, and covered in August and September with a sheet of clustered snow-white bloom of the most delicious fragrance. No other vine so completely covers itself with flowers. An arbor or portico over which this Clematis is trained is a wall of white for the time being, and what makes it the more striking is that nearly all other vines have ceased blooming at the time. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Wistaria, Sinensis Double—Immense double violet blue blossoms. This is perfectly grand, the clusters of bloom being like great drooping bouquets of double violets. Makes a fine bush as well as climber. 60c. each.

NEW GOLDEN PRIVET.

A most ornamental hedge or pot plant. It is like the common Privet except the leaves are golden yellow, or variegated, green and yellow. It is hardy and robust and as its leaves remain on all winter it is doubly useful and gives fine color effects. As a pot plant, or specimen for the lawn it is also fine and surpasses all other golden leaved plants. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; \$1.80 per dozen.



CLEMATIS "INA"

Wistaria, Sinensis Magnifica—Clusters of lovely blue flowers produced in great masses. 20c. each; 3 for 60c.

Wistaria, Alba—A mass of white flowers, clusters of bloom reaching two feet in length. Nothing can be more magnificent than this as it will cover the entire side of a building or veranda and produce thousands of clusters of its magnificent racemes of bloom. Makes a fine standard or tree form by pinching back. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Wistaria, Everblooming—This Wistaria will actually bloom all summer, from May to September. In beauty of growth it is far ahead of any other sort; its clean foliage and numerous slender branches, drooping everywhere, add greatly to the charm of the blossoms. These are produced in horizontal or upright clusters, many appearing on each branch in close proximity to each other. The vine is a rapid grower, reaching 15 to 20 feet in a season, and is without an equal for screening, or festooning buildings, verandas, summer-houses, old trees, or fences. Flowers blue, and borne profusely, even on small cutting plants. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

NEW CLEMATIS, INA.

This new Clematis has heavy dark green foliage and flowers which are about two inches in diameter, twenty to fifty of them appearing in a cluster. Color, white shaded to lilac blue on edges of petals and are produced on long stiff stems which grow from each joint. These are about six inches apart on the vine, and make a wonderfully beautiful wreath of flowers. It begins blooming in August. The plants are perfectly hardy in all parts of the country. The very best new vine in many years. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

CHOICE AND RARE FRUITS.

The Fruit Garden is an indispensable part of any rural home. It is a delight, a satisfaction, a convenience, a profit, and a source of the most beautiful and delicious food supply any family can have. Beginning with the Strawberry in May, the supply is never exhausted until the last winter apples are used in May or June.

BOWERBERRY



THE BOWERBERRY---Greatest of all Garden Fruits.

Most valuable of all Garden Fruits. Grows twenty to forty feet in a season. Bears abundantly when one year old. Thirty-eight quarts have been picked from a two year old plant. Cannot be injured by cold or drought in any climate. Vines perpetual like a Grapevine. Fruit in large loose clusters and the very sweetest of all berries.

As a vine for bowers, shade or screens it is also valuable and beautiful with its immense clusters of large snow white blossoms.

Do you realize what it means to have a vine that will do all this and furnish bushels of delicious Blackberries every year so long as you live? You have only to plant it once and give it space. You can cover arbors, trellises, or fences with it, or make beautiful bowers over walks or paths. It is so much superior to the Himalaya Berry, Grape Vine Blackberry or the Mammoth Climbing Blackberry, that we have discarded them all for this. Good as they all are the Bowerberry is hardier, healthier, a bigger grower, bigger cropper, bigger and better fruit and fruits at once, while it takes three years for the others, and it is decidedly the sweetest and most delicious of all the Blackberry tribe.

We have had the Bowerberry under observation for three years. It has already proved its worth in a thousand different places all over the country. It is exactly what is claimed for it in every particular and more too. It has been called the "Star" and the "Wonder" Blackberry.

STRONG TIP PLANTS, 20c. each; 3 for 50c; 12 for \$1 75; 100 for \$8 00. May fruit at once.

TWO YEAR TRANSPLANTED PLANTS, 30c. each; 4 for \$1 00; 12 for \$2 50; 100 for \$10 00. These will be pretty sure to fruit this summer.



Blower's Giant Blackberry.

Grows as high as 14 feet. Bears as much as 2694 berries on one plant. Largest size, sweetest quality, longest in bearing, most profitable for market and the best for home use.

This remarkable new sort throws up canes as high as 14 feet, 8220 quarts of fruit to the acre and as many as 2694 berries on a single bush; \$749.00 worth of berries has been sold from a single acre in one season. Really a marvel. There is no bush Blackberry that can equal this in productiveness, quality of fruit, hardiness and vigor of growth. It is so very far ahead of all the many garden varieties in cultivation to-day that it is really in a class by itself, especially in size and productiveness. People who have tried Blower's Giant will grow no other Blackberry. The Experiment Stations say it outranks all others, and there is no doubt about it. Our stock is large, fine and absolutely true. Beware of spurious stock.

Blower's Giant, is so much better than any other Garden Blackberry of the bush form that we offer no other sort.

PRICE—Extra strong select plants. 20c. each; 4 for 50c.; 10 for \$1.00; 100 for \$8.00; 500 for \$30.00.

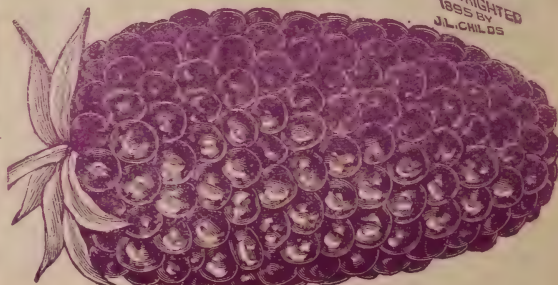
Hybrid Berry, Phenomenal.

This is larger than the largest berry ever before known. It has a bright crimson Raspberry color, the berries growing in clusters of 5 to 10 each, and the individual berries measuring 3 inches around one way by 4 inches the other way, and weighing one-quarter ounce each." We have found this berry to be all that is claimed for it—phenomenal in every particular. An expert pronounced this "the greatest wonder of all." It tastes and looks like both the Raspberry and Blackberry. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00; 10 for \$2.00.



BLOWER'S
BLACKBERRY

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PHENOMENAL HYBRID BERRY.

New Hybrid Grape Caco.

A hardy outdoor grape, equal in quality to any hot house variety. It is a cross between Catawba and Concord and has had more than 10 years of severe test, and is today the **VERY FINEST GRAPE GROWN**. Surpassing in tenderness of pulp, luscious flavor and aroma with great sweetness and juiciness. Rich sparkling wine red. Bunch large and compact. Berry medium to large and nearly round. Season early; a little in advance of Concord. Skin thin and tough. Berry adheres firmly to bunch. A superior shipper and keeper. Exempt from both black-rot and brown-rot; and all other diseases. Vine of extreme vigor—a stronger grower than the Concord and iron-clad hardihood. A heavy annual yield—as prolific as Concord. Foliage similar to Concord and of like freedom from mildew. Entirely without foxiness in odor or flavor.

Strong one year vines, 40c. ea ch; \$4.00 per dozen.

Two year vines, 60c. each; \$6.00 per dozen.

The Rare Downing Grape.

This is noted for the immense size of its clusters and general likeness to hot house grapes both in appearance and quality. Rich purple-black and truly luscious. A fine outdoor hardy sort anywhere. Very scarce. We offer a few strong year old vines at 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.



Fig—Hirtu du Japan.

This notable variety deserves high praise and general introduction. It is of compact, hardy growth. Indeed, it is a dwarf Fig, making little wood. Its immense load of fruit is astonishing, and it is nearer a perpetual bearer than any other. For the South this is one of the best varieties for the garden, yielding twice as much fruit to a given surface as any other variety. The ideal Fig for pot culture in the North. Also quite hardy in sheltered positions. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Iceberg. The White Blackberry.

One of Luther Burbank's creations. It bears loads of delicious, snowy berries, which are not only white, but so transparent that the seeds, which are unusually small, may be seen in the ripe berries. Clusters large, berries large, early, sweet, tender and melting throughout. No garden complete without this grand White Blackberry. It is a most deliciously sweet and prolific sort, and succeeds finely anywhere. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.50.



The Gardena Dewberry.

Positively the Finest and most Satisfactory Dewberry for Any Section, North, South, East or West.

A most wonderful berry, ripening an immense crop of fruit several weeks ahead of anything else in the Blackberry line. In some locations it ripens in May. Large, firm, of superior flavor, and attractive. A rampant grower and may be trellised like grapevine. Roots from tips like Cap Raspberries. Those who have grown it consider it to be the greatest berry ever introduced. It certainly is if extreme earliness, enormous productiveness and finest quality count for anything. Both here in Floral Park and California it is far ahead of all other berries in productiveness, quality and early ripening. Perfectly hardy, standing extreme cold, drouth and heat equally well. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$7.00.

LATE JERSEY GIANT



Choice Strawberries.

Of all fruits known to cultivation, the Strawberry is conceded to be the most luscious, and is a universal favorite; yet it is not grown by one-half the people who might grow it just as well as not. It is but a few hours work to plant a Strawberry bed and care for it during the year, and no work can possibly yield a better return. Strawberries bought in the market are not to be compared with the luscious ruby beauties, fresh and ripe, from the vines.

Late Jersey Giant—The latest of all Strawberries and the largest and best late variety. The berries are of immense size—truly mammoth—heart shaped with broad blunt apex and exceptionally uniform in shape and size; surface smooth and glossy, bright flame-color, which color remains unchanged until they decay; texture solid and meaty—quality mild, rich and sweet with the flavor and aroma of the wild berry very pronounced. I regard it as the most beautiful Strawberry I have ever seen. Blossoms appear late, are very large, strongly staminate and are held above the foliage. Plant of large proportions with large rather light green leaves held upright on stiff stems. The berries are produced in clusters of six to a dozen, are usually held from the earth on remarkably large, strong fruit stalks. The yield is enormous—so great in fact, that at the height of the season one can pick ten quarts without stepping. Dozen, \$1.00; 100 \$6.00.

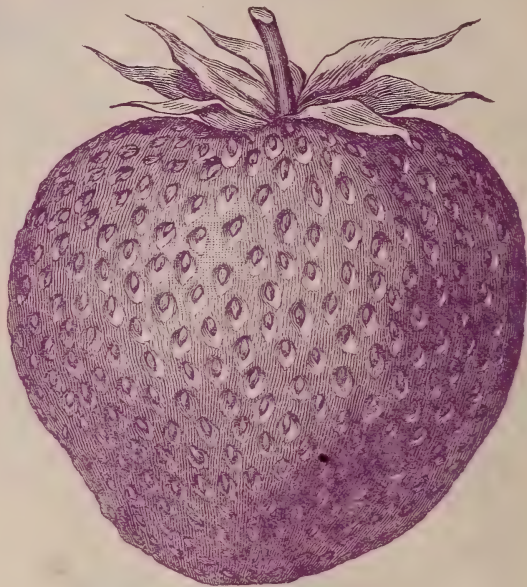
Hub—"Hub" is a seedling of Buback and Belmont, raised in Mass. The fruit is large, smooth and firm, dark glossy red in color, and it shines as if it were varnished. It is the most attractive strawberry ever grown. Plants of the "Hub" are productive, with perfect blossoms, and their season is from medium to late. They have enough strong, healthy runners, but no excess. In quality it ranks with the very best in every respect. There is no doubt about its soon becoming a leading favorite. It probably has more extra good qualities than any sort now in cultivation. Per dozen, 50c.; per 100 \$2.00.

Early Ozark—This is not only the very earliest Strawberry to ripen, but it is the most vigorous and luxuriant grower we have ever seen. Berries firm, glossy, of a deep rich red color and extra good quality. It is large and productive to a remarkable degree and hardy and robust. There is no doubt about its being the earliest Strawberry and the best extra early sort. 50c. per dozen; \$2.50 per 100.

Norwood—The Norwood is the LARGEST Strawberry in existence. Plant is strong and healthy, berry conic and regular in shape; quality unsurpassed and the size unequalled, some attaining the enormous size of three inches in diameter. Four such berries would fill a box. Color, bright red, is firm, a good keeper and will ship well. Has perfect blossoms and holds its size through the season and remains in bearing a full month. 60c. per dozen; \$3.00 per 100.

Bull Moose—A new seedling which has proved to be one of the latest of all Strawberries to ripen. In New Jersey it is in full fruit July first, which is quite remarkable. This sort will prolong the strawberry season to a considerable extent and be valuable both for the home and market. Good size, fine flavor and color. Per dozen, 50c.; per 100 \$2.00.

Rewastico, (IMPROVED CHESAPEAKE)—A highly colored, large, cardinal-red berry, and the color penetrates through and through; it is very productive, and in size is uniformly large; in shape it is as perfect and uniform as if turned out of a mold. In plant-growth it is one of the healthiest on the farm, making plenty of healthy, strong plants, with an abundance of vigorous, healthy, dark green foliage, in quality it is rich, with an aromatic Strawberry flavor; but is firm enough to be very popular as a market berry. I am glad to be able to offer this new berry to you this season at a price within the reach of everybody, as it is so good and is going to be valuable, that I want all of my customers to have it. 50c. per doz.; \$2.50 per 100.



WARREN.

Warren—Mr. S. H. Warren of Mass., a veteran grower and originator of New Strawberries has given this new sort his own name as being the best sort he produced during his life's efforts covering more than 50 years. The fruit is so very large and handsome, so productive, so fine in quality and stands up so well that it is a long way in advance of the other popular sorts. It probably combines twice as many good points as can be found in any other one variety. All we can say is that a rare treat and satisfaction is in store for those who plant it. Per dozen 75c.; per 100, \$3.50.

SPECIAL OFFER.

The very finest garden berries in existence are offered on this page. The whole 7 sorts are crackerjacks. We will send 6 plants of each for \$2.00; 12 of each for \$3.50; 100 of each for \$20.00.



THIS CUT WAS MADE FROM AN ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH IN OCTOBER.

New and True, Large Fruited Fall Bearing Strawberries.

(Extra Fine and Cheap this Spring.)

There has been so much disappointment over so-called Fall-bearing Strawberries in years past, that we have hesitated about offering the new sorts listed below and do it only after two or three years of careful trial which has proved beyond question of doubt that *Americus*, *Productive*, *Iowa* and *Superb* are true and reliable fall-bearers of large-fruited types. They have been grown in all parts of the country, in different soils and climates, and are the same everywhere. They differ from other Strawberries only in that they blossom and fruit continuously from June till November, but the crop in September and October is the largest, and may be made much heavier if the blossoms are kept picked off up to August. Parties in this state are now growing these varieties, and shipping crates of berries as late as the second week in November and receiving enormous prices. Young plants set out this spring will produce a good crop of berries next fall, and the runners they make will fruit freely from spring until fall, of next year, while the plants set this fall, which will then be established, will produce berries in such numbers as to be almost beyond belief. They require nothing special in the way of cultivation. Any conditions that will produce a good crop of ordinary garden Strawberries will suit these fall or everbearers. All have perfect flowers. By all means plant a few of these wonderful berries.

Superb—Plants fine growers with vigorous healthy foliage. Berries are very large, glossy, regular shape and beautiful color. One of the very best all around variety. \$1.00 per dozen; \$6.00 per 100.

Productive—Plants model growers, strong, deep-rooted and hardy. Berries medium to large in size, and ship well. Flavor, extra fine. The crop produced by this variety is simply enormous, berries laying about the plants in heaps and piles. 75c. per dozen; \$5.00 per 100.

Americus—Plants medium size with heavy root system, and the blossoms strongly staminate. Fruit light red, heart-shaped and of good quality. Stems stout, holding the fruit well off the ground. It is not uncommon for spring-set plants to produce from six to twelve well-loaded fruit stalks by the end of October. 75c. per dozen.

Iowa—A very large and fine new fall bearer of great promise. We believe it will prove to be extra fine in every way. 60c. per dozen.

Progressive—A wonderful new fall bearer, which is probably the heaviest cropper of them all. It has fruited finely with us from spring set plants. The introducer says of it. "We have had it on trial for two seasons. The berries are just about the size and color of the Dunlap and produces good paying crops in the fall of both first and second years. During the past season we removed the blossoms once in May from plants that had been set the year before and these plants began fruiting in July and lasted until snow came. The amount of fruit that we picked from 500 plants set in the spring was almost beyond comprehension. Per dozen \$1.00; per 100 \$7.50.

SPECIAL OFFER—6 plants each; of above 5 for \$1.75; 12 plants each, \$2.25.



A MONTH OLD RUNNER OF PROGRESSIVE.



FALL BEARING—FRUITING IN POT.

STRAWBERRY SEED—(Fall Bearing.)

Fall bearing Strawberries are easily grown from seed the plants fruiting the first year in most cases. From seedlings of last spring we had fruit on some of them as early as July. Start under glass if possible. Fresh clean seed of our own saving from the varieties offered on this page. Mixed only. 15c. per pkt.



THREE NEW EVERBEARING RASPBERRIES.

FRUITING FREELY FOR FOUR MONTHS.

Price, 20c. each; the 3 for 50c.; or \$1.60 per dozen; \$10.00 per 100.

St. Regis—It is one of the earliest of all red raspberries, beginning to ripen in June just as the strawberry crop is waning. It is wonderfully prolific, the first or main crop being far greater than that of any other red variety known. It gives a crop of fruit all summer and autumn, fruiting on the old canes in generous quantities until late in August. By this date berries begin to ripen up on the young, i. e., current year's canes, which continue to produce berries in increasing numbers until late autumn. These berries are a bright crimson, of large size and surpassing quality, rich, sugary, with full raspberry flavor. As a shipper it is unexcelled. The canes are of stocky, strong growth with a great abundance of dark green leathery leaves, that never scald nor sunburn. It succeeds upon all soils, whether light and sandy or cold heavy clay. St. Regis is of pure American blood and iron-clad hardiness; the canes endure severest cold uninjured and are wonderfully prolific. St. Regis is a perpetual bearer at all times and under all conditions.

Ranere—Ranere has a remarkable constitution, withstanding the severest winter as well as severe drought; does well on heavy soil or on light sandy soil; is a strong grower with luxuriant foliage that never suffers from sunburn. The fruit is of largest size, a beautiful brilliant crimson, highest quality, firm, and an excellent shipper. If planted early, Ranere will yield ripe fruit in June of the same year. The fruit will be correspondingly heavier as the growth increases. The fruit will keep in good condition longer than any red raspberry known. A piece containing less than two acres of Ranere yielded a crop in June, (the second year of bearing), that netted the grower \$400. This same piece had a heavy crop on Aug. 30, and continued to ripen until frost. The fall crop is borne on the tips of the new canes.

Cliff King—A remarkable new black can which produces enormous crops in fall as well as early summer. Earliest and latest. This is truly a wonderful raspberry, actually bears fruit from June till November, or till frost. Berries firm, jet glossy black and delicious flavor; seeds very small, berry compact and uniform large size. Canes of iron-clad hardiness, enduring severest cold uninjured, and are wonderfully prolific. It is a great drought-resister and bears well when others fail.



RANERE RASPBERRY.



Valuable Fruit and Ornamental Shrubs.

The following Fruit Bearing Shrubs are valuable both for fruit and ornament. They serve a double purpose and should not be overlooked. They are very handsome and bear good fruit.

Boskook Giant Tree Currant.

This is a strong and rapid grower, attaining a height of seven to nine feet and branching freely into symmetrical tree form; single shoots often grow four to five feet in one season. It bears every year tremendous crop of large black fruit nearly the size of a grape, the quality of which is entirely unlike that of any other Black Currant, as it has none of the odor or disagreeable flavor common to black sorts. Its quality is very fine indeed, and is not excelled for cooking in any form, either for pies, jelly, jam or sauce. Its flavor is that of the Sweet Currant, combined with the acid of the Cherry Currant. It is almost sure to commence bearing the first year and certainly will yield a big crop the second year. The fruit begins to ripen the middle of July and continues to the middle of August, the large berries being borne in cluster of four to twelve and cling to the tree a long time after they are ripe and it is, in fact entirely exempt from all insect ravages, either in foliage or fruit. It is of iron-clad hardness and will stand the most severe climate without a particle of injury in any respect.

Price, strong plants, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 12 for \$2.00.

Tree Strawberry.

The Largest and Most Beautiful of all Berries.

This belongs to the Raspberry family and was introduced from Japan some years ago. It has never been popular on account of its lack of flavor or quality, though it is the most gloriously beautiful fruit known. It is now used to great advantage for cooking, canning or preserving, by adding a small portion of apple or any other fruit to bring out the flavor. The plant is entirely hardy in any location, and a most prolific yielder, ripening an enormous crop of fruit in July and August, and up to November. It makes a jelly which is superior to any other fruit. In habit of growth the plant is distinct. The root is perennial, throwing up numerous strong branching shoots, which are covered with its large, beautiful berries the whole summer. The canes or shoots die to the earth in winter, new ones being thrown

up the following spring, which begin blooming and setting fruit at once. The berries are globular, slightly oblong in form, monstrous in size, a rich, glossy, ruby-red color, and of such beauty as to cause everyone to shout with amazement upon seeing it. The blossoms resemble single roses. Snow white in color, and fragrant. These exquisite flowers are produced constantly from early spring until autumn. This berry is so hardy and vigorous that it may be planted in any waste or out of the way place, along fences, etc., where it will take care of itself and fruit as a wild berry.

Strong plants, 20c. each; 4 for 50c.; 10 for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.00.

Great Japanese Wineberry.

This belongs to the Raspberry family, is a strong vigorous grower, attaining a height of 4 to 6 feet, and is perfectly hardy in all positions without protection. It stands alike the cold of northern winters and heat of southern summers without the slightest degree of injury. Its leaves are of the darkest green outside and silvery white underneath. The young shoots and branches are covered with reddish hair or moss which makes the plant odd and handsome.

The fruit is borne in large clusters, often 75 to 100 berries in a bunch. These berries are from the time of formation and bloom, until they ripen, enclosed in a "burr" which is formed by the calyx covering them entirely. When ripe the "burr" opens, exhibiting a large berry of the brightest, light, glossy scarlet or sherry wine-color. The "burrs" and stems are covered with heavy reddish moss, like a moss Rose bud, giving the plant a most unique and beautiful appearance. The flavor of the fruit is entirely different from any other berry, being very sprightly, sweet and juicy, having no disagreeable sour flavor, but a delicate and luscious flavor peculiar to itself. It is free from all insect ravages.

It is the only fruit which will retain its fresh sprightly flavor after being cooked, and for cooking in any form, canning or preserving there is nothing better. It also makes the most delicious jelly. Fruit commences to ripen early in July, and continues for a long time.

PRICE—Vigorous plant 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.50.

SPECIAL OFFER—1 each of the Tree Strawberry, Currant and Wineberry for 50 cts.; 3 each for \$1.40.

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Salvia Greigi.

Offered on opposite page is a remarkably fine thing and very cheap at price we ask, namely 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00. Extra large field grown plants 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.



SALVIA GREIGI.

A New Everblooming, Small Hardy Shrub, Adapted Also to Pot Culture.

Although this is a hard wooded shrub, it grows but little, if any, larger than *Salvia Splendens*, about two feet, branching freely and hardly ever out of bloom. It stands alike the cold winters and hot dry summers of Kansas, and the severe cold of New England. It is evidently perfectly hardy in all parts of the United States, and a great drought and heat resister. It is a native of the cold, dry, arid mountains of Texas. Instead of a long tubular flower like other *Salvias*, the flower of *Greigi* is short with a wide spreading face that is of the softest, sweetest, rosy scarlet color ever seen. A soft retrul brilliancy instead of the harsh glare of the bedding scarlet *Salvias*. In addition to being a pesefetual blooming small shrub for the garden, it makes a most superb pot plant, blooming profusny, especially during winter. In fact valuable as it is for the open ground, we are inclined to think it still more useful and beautiful as a pot plant. It flowers at once from small cutting plants, and has an agreeably fragrant foliage somewhat like the *Lemon Verbena*.

250 each, 5 for \$1.00. Extra strong field grown plants, 100 each, 5 for \$1.00.



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WOOLFLOWER.